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Report:

NSA contract worker is surveillance source



This image made available by The Guardian Newspaper in London shows an undated image of Edward Snowden, 29.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A 29-year-old former CIA employee and National Security Agency contractor is the source of The Guardian's disclosures about the U.S. government's secret surveillance programs, the British newspaper reported Sunday. The leaks have reopened the post-Sept. 11, 2001, debate about privacy concerns versus heightened measure to protect against terrorist attacks, and led the NSA to ask the Justice Department to conduct a criminal investigation. The Guardian said it was publishing the identity of Edward Snowden, a former technical assistant for the CIA and current employee of defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, at his own request.

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Obama pressed Chinese leader on cybersecurity

President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping, left, walk at the Annenberg Retreat of the Sunnylands estate Saturday, June 8, 2013, in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

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U.S. intelligence chief backs Internet spy program

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. intelligence official stressed Saturday that a previously undisclosed program for tapping into Internet usage is authorized by Congress, falls under strict supervision of a secret court and cannot intentionally target an American citizen. He decried the revelation of that and another intelligence-gathering program as reckless. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, eager to quell a domestic furor over U.S. spying, took the rare step for the second time in three days of declassifying some details of an intelligence program to respond to media reports about counterterrorism techniques employed by the government. "Disclosing information about the specific methods the government uses to collect communications can obviously give our enemies a 'playbook' of how to avoid detection," he said in a statement.



In this file photo taken Wednesday, April 21, 2010, shows Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence James Clapper. Clapper called the disclosure of an Internet surveillance program "reprehensible" Thursday June 6, 2013 and said it risks Americans' security.

Clapper said the data collection under the program, first unveiled by the newspapers The Washington Post and The Guardian, was with the approval of the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Court and with the knowledge of Internet service providers. He emphasized that the government does not act unilaterally to ob-

tain that data from the servers of those providers. The National Security Agency filed a criminal report with the Justice Department earlier this week in relation to the leaks, Shawn Turner, a spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, said in an email Saturday to The Associated Press. President Barack Obama

defended the counterterrorism methods on Friday and said Americans need to "make some choices" in balancing privacy and security. But the president's response and Clapper's unusual public stance underscore the nerve touched by the disclosures and the sensitivity of the Obama administration to any suggestion that it is trampling on the civil liberties of Americans. Late Thursday, Clapper declassified some details of a phone records collection program employed by the NSA that aims to obtain from phone companies on an "ongoing, daily basis" the records of its customers' calls. Clapper said that under that court-supervised program, only a small fraction of the records collected ever get examined because most are unrelated to any inquiries into terrorism activities. His statement and declassification Saturday addressed the Internet scouring program, code-named PRISM, that allowed the NSA and FBI to tap directly

into the servers of major U.S. Internet companies such as Google, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook and AOL. Like the phone-records program, PRISM was approved by a judge in a secret court order. Unlike that program, however, PRISM allowed the government to seize actual conversations: emails, video chats, instant messages and more. Clapper said the program, authorized in the USA Patriot Act, has been in place since 2008, the last year of the George W. Bush administration, and "has proven vital to keeping the nation and our allies safe. "It continues to be one of our most important tools for the protection of the nation's security," he said. Among the previously classified information about the Internet data collection that Clapper revealed: —It is an internal government computer system that allows the government to collect foreign intelligence information from electronic communication service providers under court supervision. □

NSA contract

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"My sole motive is to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them," Snowden told the newspaper. A spokesman for the Director of National Intelligence did not have immediate comment on the disclosure. The NSA has been collecting the phone records of hundreds of millions of Americans each day, creating a database through which it can learn whether terrorist suspects have been in contact with people in the U.S. The NSA program does not listen to actual conversations. Separately, an Internet scouring program, code-named PRISM, allows the NSA and FBI to tap directly into nine U.S. Internet companies to gather all Internet usage — audio, video, photographs, emails and

searches. The effort is designed to detect suspicious behavior that begins overseas. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper decried the revelation of the intelligence-gathering programs as reckless and said it has done "huge, grave damage." In recent days, he took the rare step of declassifying some details about them to respond to media reports about counterterrorism techniques employed by the government. President Barack Obama, Clapper and others have said the programs have been authorized by Congress and are subject to strict supervision of a secret court. "It's important to recognize that you can't have 100 percent security and also then have 100 percent privacy and zero inconvenience," Obama said. "We're going to have to make some choices as a society. And what I can say



In this June 6, 2013 file photo National Security Agency plaques are seen at the compound at Fort Meade, Md.

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is that in evaluating these programs, they make a difference in our capacity to anticipate and prevent possible terrorist activity." Snowden told the newspaper that he lacked a high school diploma and en-

listed in the U.S. Army until he was discharged with broken legs after a training mission. After leaving the Army, Snowden got his foot in the door with the NSA at a covert facility at the University

of Maryland, working as a security guard. He later went to work for the CIA as an information technology employee and by 2007 was stationed in Geneva, Switzerland, where he had access to classified documents. During that time, he considered going public with what he knew about the nation's secretive programs. He decided against it, he told the newspaper, because he did not want to put anyone in danger and he hoped Obama's election would curtail some of the clandestine programs. He said he was disappointed that Obama did not rein in the surveillance programs. "Much of what I saw in Geneva really disillusioned me about how my government functions and what its impact is in the world," he said. "I realized that I was part of something that was doing far more harm than good." □

Obama, Xi signal new start with walk in the desert

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(AP) — It may not have been Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev's Cold War walk by a frozen lake in Switzerland.

But President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping's 50-minute stroll through an estate in the California desert could mark a notable moment in the relationship between the heads of the world's two largest economies.

At the very least, it was a rare opportunity Saturday for the presidents to dispense with their advisers — and coats and ties in the scorching heat — for extended one-on-one talks.

Tom Donilon, Obama's national security adviser who helped orchestrate the two-day summit, said the walk was an important moment "to establish and deepen their personal relationship" and address "the range of issues that we have to address."

It's a big list that includes cyberspying and intellectual property theft and North Korea's nuclear provocations, as well as economic competition and climate change. There were no policy breakthroughs as Obama and Xi sauntered across the manicured lawns of the Sunnylands estate or when they sat on the California redwood bench that Obama had custom-made as a gift for his Chinese counterpart. But both countries appeared to leave California pleased that the issues were addressed candidly and the groundwork was laid for future talks.

The leaders "did not shy away from differences," said Yang Jiechi, Xi's senior foreign policy adviser, adding that Obama and Xi "blazed a new trail" in the relationship between their countries. Obama and Xi held more than eight hours of talks over the course of the two-day summit, which closed Saturday afternoon. The leaders found common ground in their frustrations over North Ko-



President Barack Obama, left, and Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, meet with their respective delegations at the Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands on Saturday, June 8, 2013, in Rancho Mirage, Calif., where for two days they discussed high-stakes issues, including cybersecurity, North Korea's nuclear threats, and closer ties between the leaders of the world's largest economies.

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rea's provocations and on climate change, agreeing to work together to reduce the use of hydrofluorocarbons, a potent greenhouse gas used in refrigerators, air conditioners and industrial applications.

But there was no accord over cybersecurity, which U.S. officials see as perhaps the most pressing issue facing the two nations. Obama confronted Xi with specific evidence of intellectual property theft the U.S. says is emanating from China. Xi said China was also a victim of cyberattacks but did not publicly acknowledge his own country's alleged activities.

It remains to be seen whether the private discussion that took place during the Sunnylands walk will land a place in history like Reagan and Gorbachev's stroll near Switzerland's Lake Geneva during their first Cold War summit in 1985. After holding talks with their advisers, Reagan suggested to his Soviet counterpart that they walk together, accompanied only by interpreters, to a pool house on the lake for one-on-one talks.

Gorbachev agreed, and the unexpected solo outing was seen as a sign of a warming relationship between the U.S. and Soviet leaders. For Obama, the meetings with Xi at the 200-acre (80-hectare) estate on the edge of the Mojave Desert were an opportunity to test the kind of personal diplomacy his advisers say he craves. The president and his team have long grumbled privately about the constraints of large, highly scripted international summits, with schedules packed down to the minute with plenary sessions and group photos. Policy outcomes at those meetings are often predetermined during earlier rounds of talks with lower level officials.

"You're not really having an actual exchange," Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, said of the larger summits. "You can only really work through a small number of agenda items, and you don't get to really dig in with another leader on a bigger range of subjects." Obama and Xi, who took office in March, had been scheduled to hold their

first official meeting on the sidelines of one of those summits — a September economic meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia.

But U.S. officials were eager to move up talks with Xi. Many Obama advisers see the 59-year-old as a potentially new brand of Chinese leader, with closer ties to the U.S. than many of his predecessors and an apparent ease during public appearances that eluded the man he replaced, Hu Jintao. U.S. officials approached the Chinese earlier this year to see if Xi would be willing to dispense with the formal pageantry of a state visit to the White House and instead hold more free-flowing talks at Sunnylands. Former American presidents dating back to Dwight Eisenhower have decamped to

the desert retreat for both policy meetings and vacations. "There was really quite quick acceptance by President Xi," said Donilon, who is leaving his post in July.

Still, for all the talk of informality, Obama and Xi's "shirt sleeves" summit was hardly unscripted. A pair of bilateral meetings looked and felt similar to most diplomatic gatherings, with Obama and Xi seated at the center of long tables, each flanked by several aides. And Saturday's morning walk was originally scheduled as a photo opportunity for the U.S. and Chinese press corps, though White House aides said the leaders decided to keep the conversation going long after they passed by the media gaggle. □

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Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., ranking Democrat on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, holds up a sheet detailing IRS conference spending as he makes opening remarks on Capitol Hill in Washington, on Thursday, June 6, 2013, during the committee's hearing regarding IRS conference spending. Associated Press

IRS manager: White House not involved in reviews

PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A self-described conservative Republican who is a manager in the federal tax collection agency office that targeted conservative groups told investigators that he, not the White House, set in motion the review, the top Democrat on the House watchdog committee said Sunday. Rep. Elijah Cummings released a partial transcript of the House Committee

on Oversight and Government Reform interview with the unnamed manager in the Internal Revenue Service's Cincinnati office. In it, the employee said the extra scrutiny for conservative tea party groups applying for tax-exempt status was an effort to be consistent in reviewing applications and not driven by politics.

"He is a conservative Republican working for the IRS. I think this interview and these statements go a long way to what's showing that the White House was not involved in this," Cummings said. "Based upon everything I've seen, the case is solved. And if it were me, I would wrap this case up and move on, to be frank with you," Cummings added. In the five-hour interview conducted last week, the manager said one of his employees brought to him a tea party group's application for tax-exempt status. The manager said he recognized the political implications of the decision and flagged it for an office in Washington. Some Republicans have suggested that the Washington office initiated the close examination. Republicans have complained the IRS targeted tea party groups because they are critical of Democrats and President Barack Obama. An internal IRS report found the agency gave the groups which advocate small government improper scrutiny. The uproar forced out the acting IRS chief and put the White House on the defensive against those who suggested Obama was using the government to go after his political enemies. Sunday's release of yet another partial transcript was unlikely to quiet those critics.

"The American public wants to know why targeting occurred and who was

involved," said oversight committee chairman Rep. Darrell Issa, in a statement released Sunday. "The testimony excerpts Ranking Member Cummings revealed today did not provide anything enlightening or contradict other witness accounts. The only thing Ranking Member Cummings left clear in his comments today is that if it were up to him the investigation would be closed."

Oversight committee investigators have now interviewed at least five IRS employees about targeting conservative groups for additional scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status during the 2010 and 2012 elections. Some employees said they believed that officials in Washington were directing their work but didn't show any direct evidence to support their statements.

Cummings and Issa have been releasing portions of interviews that back up their assertions. But neither has released full transcripts, making it difficult to discern a complete story. Also, the portions released tend to offer employees' views on what was happening, not definitive orders that directed them to scrutinize closely tea party applications. Cummings declined to release the full transcript of the interview he posted on Democrats' oversight website.

A Cummings spokeswoman, Jennifer Hoffman, declined to release the employees' identity.

In the 15-page memo describing their interview with the manager, Democrats on the committee said they were withholding the employee's name at the request of the IRS.

Cummings appeared on CNN's "State of the Union" and CBS' "Face the Nation." □

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Gunman IDed in deadly California shooting



This undated photo provided on Sunday, June 9, 2013, by the Santa Monica Police Department shows John Zawahri, 23, who police have identified as the shooter in Friday's deadly rampage at Santa Monica College.

Associated Press

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SANTA MONICA, California
(AP) — Police have identified the gunman who went on a shooting rampage in California that left five people dead. Santa Monica police Sgt. Richard Lewis said Sunday that 23-year-old John Zawahri killed his father and

older brother at their home Friday before going on a shooting spree in the streets and at a nearby college. The violence ended after he was shot to death by police at the Santa Monica College library. Authorities did not immediately name the shooter or the two men found dead in the house because next of

kin was out of the country and hadn't been notified. Lewis said Zawahri's name was released after his mother cut her trip short and came back to the country. A woman who was critically wounded died, bringing the number of victims killed by the gunman to five. Marcela Franco, 26, died of her injuries, according to Santa Monica College spokeswoman Tricia Ramos. Franco had been a passenger in a vehicle driven by her father, campus groundskeeper Carlos Navarro Franco, 68, who also was killed in the attack. Investigators were focusing on a deadly act of domestic violence that touched off the mayhem.

After neighbors watched in shock as the gunman shot at his father's house and it went up in flames, he opened fire on a woman driving by, wounding her, and then carjacked another woman. He directed her to drive to Santa Monica College, ordering her to stop along the way so he could shoot at a city bus and people on the street. Two people on the bus were injured. On campus, he opened fired on Franco's vehicle. The shooter fired at least 70 rounds in the school's library. No one was injured there before two police officers and a campus cop arrived and killed the shooter. □

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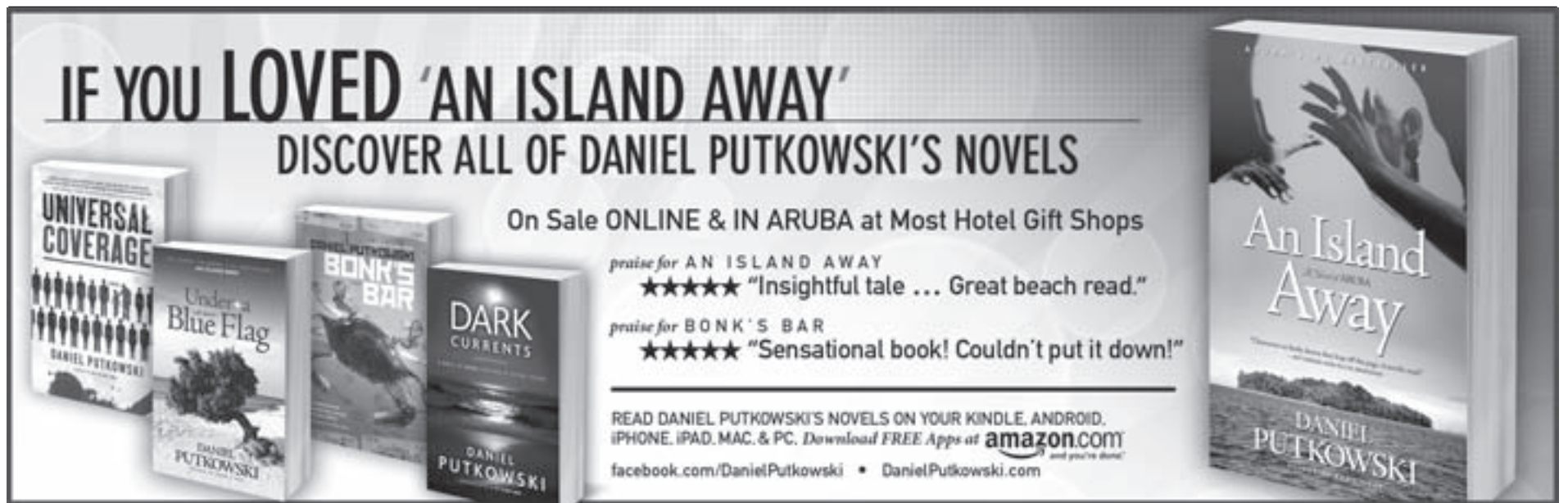
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Erin Brockovich arrested while boating in Nevada

MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press

Environmental activist Erin Brockovich, portrayed by Julia Roberts in a 2000 movie about her fight over the pollution of a California town, has been arrested on suspicion of boating while intoxicated at Lake Mead near Las Vegas, authorities said Sunday. Brockovich was arrested late Friday night after breath tests showed her blood-alcohol level was just over twice the legal limit of .08, said Edwin Lyngar, spokesman for the Nevada Department of Wild-

life.

A game warden noticed she was struggling and needed assistance while trying to moor her motor boat at the Las Vegas Boat Harbor, he said.

Brockovich had been out on the boat with a male companion but was alone when she tried to dock it.

"She was not sure how to maneuver the boat into the dock," Lyngar told The Associated Press. "It's a simple thing if you can think clearly.

But if you add alcohol and unfamiliarity of the area, it can all cause serious prob-

lems."

Brockovich, 52, of Agoura Hills, California, was released from the Clark County Detention Center after posting \$1,000 bail.

She didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Sunday, and it was uncertain whether she has an attorney.

Under Nevada law, a first-time offense of boating while intoxicated is a misdemeanor that draws fines from \$1,000 to \$2,000 but no jail time. Authorities were unsure whether it was Brockovich's first arrest on the charge. □



In this March 24, 2000, file photo, environmental activist Erin Brockovich sits in her home in Agoura Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

Ex-Massachusetts gov., ambassador Cellucci dies

CARA RUBINSKY
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Former Gov. Argeo Paul Cellucci, who led Massachusetts from 1997 to 2001 before becoming U.S. ambassa-

dor to Canada, died Saturday at his home of complications from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 65.

His death was announced by Dr. Michael F. Collins,

chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where Cellucci spearheaded an effort to raise funds for ALS research after publicly revealing his diagnosis in 2011.

"I can't help but think of the final high standard Paul set in the way he battled ALS," Secretary of State John Kerry said in a statement. "The twinkle was still there, even from his wheelchair. He didn't withdraw, but rather he began a new chapter as an advocate supporting UMass's research into the very illness that he faced with courage."

In more than three decades in politics, starting at the local level on a commission in his hometown of Hudson, Cellucci never lost an election. He was a typi-

cally moderate New England Republican, fiscally conservative yet middle of the road on many social issues.

"Massachusetts lost a favored son and devoted public servant today," Gov. Deval Patrick said. "A lawyer, legislator, governor and diplomat, Paul Cellucci was also a kind man and a friend."

He was elected lieutenant governor on a ticket with one-time rival William Weld in 1990 and became acting governor in 1997 when Weld resigned to pursue an ambassadorship. Cellucci won election as governor in his own right in 1998. In 2001, the Bush administration made him U.S. ambassador to Canada.

"This son of Hudson, Massachusetts, was a close

and loyal friend, a superb public servant, and a devoted family man — and our admiration for the way he served throughout his life, and fought a dreaded disease at the end, knows no bounds," George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush said in a joint statement Saturday.

Cellucci was a longtime friend of the elder Bush, whose Massachusetts presidential campaigns he led, and was one of the first Republican governors to stoke the younger Bush's presidential ambitions. He was approached by Bush's team for a possible Cabinet post but was said to be cool to the idea.

He was born in Hudson, a working-class town where his father owned car dealerships. □

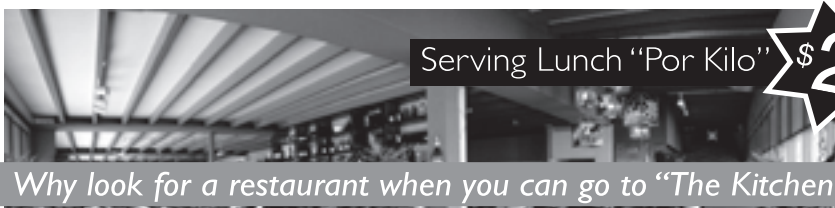


In this Feb. 22, 2000 file photo, Massachusetts Gov. Paul Cellucci addresses members of the media during a news conference at the Statehouse in Boston.

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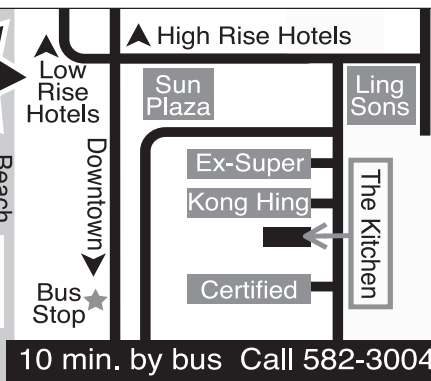


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Budapest braces for swollen Danube

KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes in a region of eastern Germany where the Elbe river has flooded and burst through a dam, while swollen Danube was approaching Budapest where soldiers and volunteers are building flood walls, officials said Sunday.

Parts of the south and north ends of the Hungarian capital are already under water, but the city's downtown area, including the parliament building and several large hotels near the river bank, are seemingly out of direct danger as flood walls were built to a height of 30.5 feet (9.30 meters).

Officials said nearly 8,000 volunteers and specialized crews in Budapest had strengthened flood walls by packing and placing one million sand bags and many are also monitoring defenses for any leaks.

At least 21 flood-related deaths have been reported in central Europe, as rivers such as the Danube, the Elbe and the Vlatava have overflowed after a week of heavy rains and

caused extensive damage in central and southern Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.

The latest fatality was an 80-year-old man who died of a heart attack in Austria on Sunday while cleaning up debris caused by flooding, the German news agency dpa reported.

In Magdeburg, the state capital of Saxony-Anhalt in eastern Germany, more than 23,000 residents had to leave their homes Sunday afternoon after many streets and buildings were flooded and electricity was shut off, dpa said.

The neighborhood of Rothensee was especially hard-hit by the floods of the Elbe river — residents were being evacuated with tanks, trucks and buses.

"Rothensee is filling up like a bathtub," Germany army spokesman Andre Sabzog told dpa.

Around 700 soldiers were trying frantically to build a dam of sandbags around a power substation. A flooding of the substation would not only leave thousands of households without water, but also lead to a breakdown of the neighborhood's dewatering

pumps.

Another 8,000 people had been evacuated from the town of Aken and its neighboring villages after a dam on the Elbe river broke Saturday, police spokesman Uwe Holz said.

Further north on the Elbe river, residents were trying to protect themselves from flooding by building levees along the banks of the rising waterway.

Officials in Saxony-Anhalt state also were investigating what appeared to be a threat to destroy dams.

Several media outlets said they had received a letter threatening to blow up dams on the Elbe river, Holger Stahlknecht, the state's interior minister, said Sunday. □



In this aerial view the city of Deggendorf, southern Germany is flooded by Danube river on Sunday June 9, 2013. Thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes in a region of eastern Germany where the Elbe river has flooded and burst through a dam, officials said Sunday.

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Anti-Hezbollah protester killed in Lebanon

SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Men wielding batons and wearing yellow arm bands evoking Lebanon's Hezbollah attacked protesters outside the Iranian Embassy in Beirut Sunday during a rally against the militant group's participation in the Syrian civil war. One protester was killed, a senior Lebanese military official and witnesses said.

A military statement said the protesters had just arrived at the embassy area when clashes broke out and a civilian opened fire. The embassy is in a predominantly pro-Hezbollah area.

Witnesses saw men wearing yellow armbands — the color of Hezbollah's flag — attacking the protesters with batons. It was unclear if they were affiliated with the militant Shiite group, and the identity of the gunman was unknown, a senior security official said.

The official identified the man killed as a 28-year-old member of the small Lebanese Option Party, which had called for the anti-Hezbollah protest. The official spoke on condition of ano-

nymity in line with regulations.

The Syria conflict is increasingly spilling over into Lebanon, home to a fragile mosaic of more than a dozen religious and ethnic groups. Hezbollah's overt participation in the conflict, backing forces of Syria's President Bashar Assad in a successful campaign to drive rebels out of Qusair near the Lebanese border, heightened tensions.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said in a statement Sunday that it backed the Lebanese Red Cross in evacuating since Friday 87 Syrians seriously wounded in the fighting in Qusair to hospitals in Lebanon.

The leader of Hezbollah, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, said during the battle for Qusair that he would side with Assad until the rebels are defeated. Assad's Syria is Hezbollah's main ally and supplier of weapons.

Gunmen from rival religious sects have gone to Syria to fight on the rebel side. Rebels have threatened to target Hezbollah's bases in Lebanon.

Clashes in northern Lebanon between rival Leba-



A Lebanese activist wearing a shirt with Arabic that reads, "no to Hezbollah weapons in Qusair," flashes the victory sign, during a protest against the participation of Hezbollah in the Syrian war, at Martyrs square in Beirut, Lebanon, Sunday, June 9, 2013.

Associated Press

nese groups since last month claimed more than 28 lives, and rockets have targeted Hezbollah strongholds.

Hezbollah's rivals have increased their criticism, deepening a political stalemate and postponing elections for 17 months.

The Lebanese Option Party is headed by a Shiite politician, Ahmad El Assaad, who has long been opposed to Hezbollah. Sunday's clash outside the Iranian Embassy marked rare fighting between two opposing Shiite groups.

The official Lebanese National News Agency said the army cordoned off the area of the clashes in southern Beirut. The private Al-Jadeed Lebanese TV said a girl who was protesting was also wounded.

The station said the protester who was killed was shot twice in the leg, once in the back, and was hit on the head with a baton.

The protest at the embassy coincided with another

small rally in downtown Beirut also criticizing Hezbollah's military intervention in Syria's conflict.

Dozens of protesters, including many Syrians, converged on Beirut's central Martyrs Square where a large banner read: "Rejecting Hezbollah's fighting in Syria."

"Those fighting in Syria are not Lebanese.

Their culture, their flag, money and weapons are Iranian," said Saleh el-Mashnouk, an ardent critic of Hezbollah. "We are here to erase the shame that struck Lebanon because of them."

Lebanese protester Samara el-Hariri, 31, said Syria's war is hurting Lebanon's economy and increasing sectarian tension. "My country is stricken," she said.

Shiite Iran, Hezbollah's patron, has strongly backed Assad, who belongs to a Shiite offshoot.

The fighting in Syria has claimed more than 80,000

lives and displaced several million people. Beside Lebanon, it has also threatened to spill into neighboring countries, like Israel and Turkey.

In Syria, fighting between government troops and rebels raged in different provinces, including near the capital, Damascus, and in the northern Aleppo province. Pro-regime media outlets said that after securing control of Qusair, government forces are preparing to move to recapture the contested city of Aleppo next.

Activists said there were no signs of a new push on the city or its surrounding areas. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of Syrians inside the country for information, said six regime fighters were killed in clashes in Aleppo. The city has been carved up into areas controlled by rebels and the regime, and families have been displaced by shelling. □

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Venezuela council's election audit backs outcome

CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's Electoral Council has completed an audit of results from April's bitterly contested presidential election, and as expected it confirmed Nicolas Maduro's 1.5 percentage-point victory.

No government official appeared publicly to comment on the outcome, but an official at the council confirmed on Sunday a report by the state-run AVN news agency that the audit supported the official vote count. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to divulge the information. The opposition has complained that the council ignored its demand for a full recount. That would have included not just comparing votes electronically registered by machines with the paper ballot receipts they emitted, but also comparing those with the poll station

registries that contain voter signatures and with digitally recorded fingerprints. Backers of opposition candidate Henrique Capriles claim rampant irregularities included the intimidation of voters and manipulating the outcome through votes cast in the names of dead people still on voting rolls. "It has no validity," Gerardo Blyde, an opposition politician allied with Capriles, said of the audit's results. "It was a rudimentary audit that was incomplete." "It's a show," Blyde added in a telephone interview. Capriles has called the audit a farce. He has challenged the April 13 election results at the Supreme Court, which like the National Electoral Council is dominated by the political heirs of President Hugo Chavez, who died of cancer in March after anointing Maduro as his successor. The state-run AVN news agency reported Friday evening that the audit showed that 99.98

percent of the paper receipts from electronic voting machines coincided with the results tallied by the machines and those appearing in the electoral council's central computers. The council official said that report was accurate, but the agency's board of directors would not formally present an official report of the audit results until sometime this week.

Capriles launched an international campaign to seek support in the region for his demand for a full recount but no Latin American government has backed him. Capriles also argues that the government's overwhelming use of state



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, right, gestures as National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello looks on during a ceremony marking the third month since President Hugo Chavez died, at the Military Museum where his remains rest in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, June 5, 2013.

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resources, including its dominance of broadcast media and pressuring 2.5 million public employees to back the ruling party, gave Maduro the edge.

Among nations, only the United States has insisted on a full recount. But those

calls fell silent after U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with Venezuela's foreign minister, Elias Jaua, last week and the two agreed on accelerating efforts to restore relations at the ambassador level, lacking since 2010. □

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South Africa: family visits Nelson Mandela

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Nelson Mandela received visits from family members on Sunday at a hospital where the former president and anti-apartheid leader was being treated for a recurring lung infection, while South Africans expressed their appreciation for a man widely regarded as the father of the nation. There was no official update on 94-year-old Mandela after his second night in the hospital. His condition was described as "serious but stable" on Saturday.

The office of President Jacob Zuma had said that Mandela was taken to a Pretoria hospital after his condition deteriorated at



A woman walks behind a fabric bearing a portrait of former president Nelson Mandela in Soweto, South Africa Sunday June 9, 2013.

Associated Press

around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The anti-apartheid leader

has now been taken to a hospital four times since December, with the last discharge coming on April 6 after doctors diagnosed him with pneumonia and drained fluid from his lung area. Members of Mandela's family on Sunday were seen visiting the Pretoria hospital where he is believed to be staying. They included Makaziwe Mandela, the eldest of the ex-leader's three surviving children, and Ndileka Mandela, one of his 17 grandchildren. Worshippers at a Sunday church service in the Johannesburg township of Soweto prayed for the recovery of Mandela, who was freed in 1990 after 27 years as a prisoner of white racist rule and won election to the presidency in all-race elections in 1994. He retired from public life years ago and had received medical care at his Johannesburg home until his latest transfer to a hospital.

At the Regina Mundi church in Soweto, Father Sebastian Rousso said Mandela, seen by many

as a symbol of reconciliation for his peacemaking efforts, played a key role "not only for ourselves as South Africans, but for the world."

There is a stained glass image of Mandela with arms raised in the Catholic church, a center of protests and funeral services for activists during the apartheid years.

"We still need him in our lives because he did so much for us," said Mantsho Moralo, a receptionist who was in the congregation. Siyabonga Nyembe, a student, described Mandela as a "pillar of strength" for South Africans.

A stream of tourists visited Mandela's former home, now a museum, on Vilakazi Street in Soweto. Visitors and vendors wished a quick recovery for the man whose sacrifices in the fight against apartheid made their lives better, even if South Africa today is struggling today with high unemployment and other severe challenges.

"He's like one in a million. I don't think we're ever go-

ing to get a leader like him. We're living the life that we have because of him and for that we wish him well," said Seponono Kekana, who toured the brick, one-storey house.

On April 29, state television broadcast footage of a visit by Zuma and other leaders of the ruling African National Congress to Mandela's home. Zuma said at the time that Mandela was in good shape, but the footage - the first public images of Mandela in nearly a year - showed him silent and unresponsive, even when Zuma tried to hold his hand.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate has been particularly vulnerable to respiratory problems since contracting tuberculosis during his long imprisonment. The bulk of that period was spent on Robben Island, an outpost off the coast of Cape Town where Mandela and other prisoners spent part of the time toiling in a stone quarry.

The Sunday Times, a South African newspaper, quoted Andrew Mlangeni, an old friend of Mandela, as saying he wished the former president would get better but noted his infirmity had become a drawn-out process. He said Mandela had been taken to the hospital "too many times" and that there was a possibility he would not be well again.

"The family must release him so that God may have his own way. They must release him spiritually and put their faith in the hands of God," said Mlangeni, a co-defendant of Mandela in the 1960s trial on sabotage charges that led to a sentence of life imprisonment for them and other anti-apartheid leaders. □

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New app helping Venezuelans find scarce items

FRANK BAJAK
AP Technology Writer
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Harried Venezuelans who devote hours scouring supermarkets for increasingly scarce food basics and toilet paper have just received some digital help thanks to a young software developer.

A free application for mobile devices written by Jose Augusto Montiel lets people notify one another where flour, sugar, milk, cooking oil and toilet paper are for sale. It has been downloaded more than 12,000 times.

The app, known as Abasteceme, or Supply Me, is Android-based and relies on Google Maps for geo-location. It leverages what is known in the tech world as crowdsourcing, with users notifying one another where a certain product is

for sale.

Basic items such as wheat flour and butter have gone missing on store shelves throughout Venezuela. Economists blame government-imposed price controls, while President Nicolas Maduro says greedy merchants are hoarding goods.

"From what I've seen so far it's mostly toilet paper, followed by flour," Montiel said about what gets posted most.

The 21-year-old chemical engineering student in the western city of Maracaibo said most of Abasteceme's users were in Caracas when he first made the app available on the Google Play website on May 29.

"But now it has spread all over the country," he said. He said it's been overwhelming keeping the server that hosts the appli-

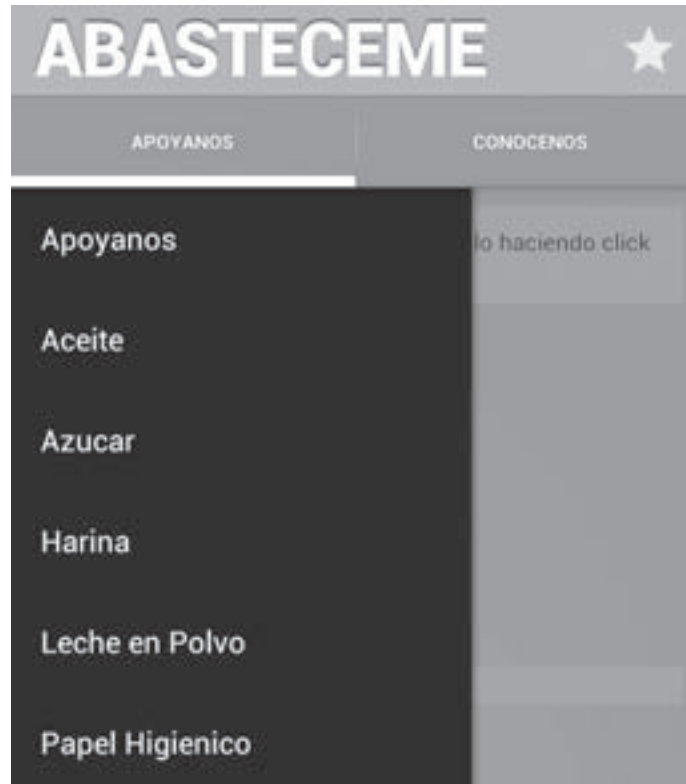
cation from crashing and attending to users, who he says are clamoring for him to include more products. "People are asking for chicken, butter and soap above all," he said.

Montiel said he also deletes a lot of entries when people notify him that supplies of a certain product have sold out.

The program is designed to automatically erase notifications in two hours, he said.

Montiel said he has no help beyond his sister, who assists with the program's aesthetics.

"I'm also working to develop it for the Blackberry as a lot of people have them in Venezuela," he said. □



In this screen shot provided on Sunday, June 9, 2013 by Jose Augusto Montiel, shows a free application for mobile devices written by Jose Augusto Montiel that lets people notify one another where scarce food basics such as flour, sugar, milk, cooking oil and toilet paper are for sale in Venezuela.

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In Iran vote, reformists struggle with few options

BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Despite four

years of non-stop pressure, arrests and intimidation, Iran's dissidents still find ways to show their resilience.

Protest messages still ricochet around social media despite Iran's cyber cops' attempts to control the Web. Angry graffiti pops up and then quickly painted over by authorities. Mourners at the funeral of a dissident cleric flashed V-for-victory gestures and chanted against the state. But just a look at the sidewalks around Tehran's Mellat Park shows how far Iran's opposition has fallen as the country prepares for Friday's presidential election.

Four years ago, girls on rollerblades sped around the park delivering fliers for the reform camp's candidate-hero Mir Hossein Mousavi. Emerald-colored head scarves and wrist bands representing Mousavi's Green Movement were in such demand that bloggers would list shops with available fabric.

This time, there are just a few subdued election placards for candidates considered fully in sync with Iran's ruling clerics. Security forces and paramilitary volunteers are never far away.

Mousavi and other opposition leader, Mahdi Karroubi, are under house arrest and hundreds more activists, bloggers and journalists have faced detention as part of relentless crackdowns since Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election in 2009 brought accusations of vote rigging and something Iran has not seen since the 1979 Islamic



In this Friday, June 7, 2013 photo, an Iranian man reads one of electoral leaflets, covering the street, after Friday prayers in Tehran, Iran. Associated Press.

Revolution: Huge crowds in the streets chanting against the leadership.

Iran's forces for reform are not so much crushed as now bottled up tightly. Now the election that marks the end of Ahmadinejad's eight-year era also brings another moment of politi-

cal transition: Whether the loose affiliation of reformists, liberals and Western-leaning activists can somehow remain relevant in a time when the guardians of the Islamic establishment are consolidating their defenses.

"There is no shortage of

people in Iran who would like to see a different way of being governed and a different world view from the leadership," said Theodore Karasik, a security and political affairs analyst at the Dubai-based Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis. "Trouble for

them is that they now fragmented and disorganized. This is exactly what Iranian authorities want to see."

The entire process has been derided by Western governments and rights groups as a farce after Iran's election overseers — all loyal to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — blacklisted former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani from the ballot despite his lofty status as one of the architects of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. For Iran's rulers, the relatively moderate Rafsanjani represents an unsettling force who could breathe some life into the battered opposition.

Any momentum toward a backlash over Rafsanjani's barring quickly dissipated. He grumbled over the rebuff and Iranian reformist websites buzzed with complaints.

But there have been no major street protests, suggesting — once again — there are only remote chances for a revival of the 2009 mass demonstrations. His backers have retreated to election boycott calls or drifted to other candidates who have no apparent intention to shake up the system.

The only significant public show of dissent before the election came in a coincidence of timing. Some mourners at the funeral procession of dissident Ayatollah Jalaluddin Taheri, who died last Sunday in the central city of Isfahan, used the march to revive the opposition chants from 2009 such as "death to the dictator," according to video clips posted on the Internet. But the outburst did not seem to inspire other rallies around the country. □



In this June 15, 2009 file photo, a demonstrator wears a mask in the party's color of green, due to fears of being identified, as hundreds of thousands of supporters of leading opposition presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi, who claims there was voting fraud in election, turn out to protest the result of the election at a mass rally in Azadi (Freedom) square in Tehran, Iran.

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sive reviews of the resorts on line may be a great source of entertainment and learning as travelers bar no holds reporting at length about their dining and lodging experiences with heading such as: "Paradise –what more can say?" in French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and English. These candid and forth-

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ers. Travelife is one of the few programs in existence which values social policy as highly as environmental management, and Divi Resorts in Aruba has just obtained the organization's stamp of approval for sustainable holiday accommodations. "Divi's properties are pleased to receive important travel awards," said managing director Alex Nieuwmeyer. "We strive to offer our customers a memorable, sustainable experience, and the accolade is evidence that our hard work is translating into positive results." Divi Resorts are unique vacation properties in the Caribbean. The brand, created in Aruba, invites you to explore its collection of colorful Caribbean resorts located on the magnificent islands of Aruba, Barbados, Bonaire, St Croix, and St Maarten. Each resort offers spacious vacation suites and hotel rooms along some of the islands' best beaches- all with your choice of amenities. Pictured here Marin Bijl, General Manager, Divi & Tamarijn All Inclusive Resorts with staff members at both the resorts, pleased and proud to receive twin awards on behalf of their peers. □



After rainy day, Eman and Team Aruba qualify sixth at the U.S. Drags

RICHMOND, Va. June 8, 2013: With Mother Nature working against the American Drag Racing League during testing on Friday and again during qualifying on Saturday, the expected start time was delayed several hours and then cut to just two sessions. The first Extreme Pro Stock session would prove to be the ticket for the Aruba.com Mustang. Trevor Eman and the gang put down a 4.114 pass, good enough then for number two qualifier. By the time the second qualifying session was run, track conditions became tricky and Eman was forced to lift to avoid contact with the guard wall. His 4.11 pass was good enough to maintain a number six spot for Sunday's eliminations. Although the team had higher hopes for their final qualifying pass, they remain confident heading into race day.

"The weather has really

been battling against us this weekend," told Eman. "We worked with the hand we were dealt here and did what we thought was right for conditions. Our 4.11 pass was competitive and should be a good setup for tomorrow. Even though our second shot at the track was a wash, we stayed in the top half in qualifying and feel like we're in a good position. Although much of our focus today has been on handling the conditions here and getting a good race day set up, our thoughts are also back in Aruba. Nelson Winklaar, a good friend and important member of Team Aruba, is in the hospital due to some health issues he's been trying to fight off for a while. We wish him the best and want to see him get well soon so that he can be sure to join us for some races this year."

Eman will face Richard



Penland in the first round of eliminations at the U.S. Drags. "These are all tough competitors and each one is capable of being a threat

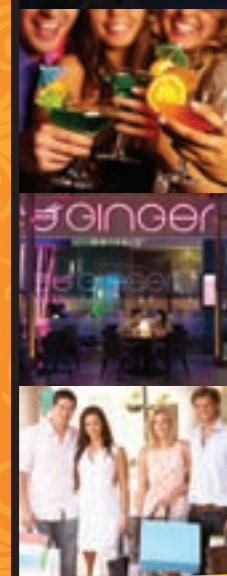
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Harris English holds the trophy after winning the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., with a for his first PGA Tour title, birdieing two of the final three hole and finishing with a 1-under 69 for a 12-under 268 total Sunday, June 9, 2013, in Memphis, Tenn.

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English wins St. Jude for 1st PGA Tour title

TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)

— Harris English won the St. Jude Classic on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, birdieing two of the final three holes to hold off Phil Mickelson and Scott Stallings by two strokes.

The 23-year-old American in his second year on tour survived a final round where he had six birdies and five bogeys to shoot a 1-under 69. He finished at 12-under 268.

English made a 5-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to tie Stallings for the lead, but Stallings bogeyed No. 18 to give English the lead to himself. English made a 17-foot birdie putt on No. 17, and two-putted No. 18 to pick up the winner's check of \$1,026,000.

Mickelson shot a 67, and Stallings had a 68.

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EIGHTH WONDER



Rafael Nadal win French Open

Spain's Rafael Nadal looks up in his final match against compatriot David Ferrer at the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday June 9, 2013.

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Miami Heat small forward LeBron James (6) blocks a shot by San Antonio Spurs center Tiago Splitter (22) of Brazil, during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals basketball game, Sunday, June 9, 2013 in Miami. The Miami Heat won 103-84.

Associated Press

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MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat got a blowout victory over the San Antonio Spurs to level the NBA Finals at a game apiece — and they didn't have to rely on LeBron James to do more. Not when Mario Chalmers and everyone else did everything right. Chalmers led the charge and James broke out of a shooting slump and finished the game with a flurry as the Heat used a 33-5 run to beat the San Antonio Spurs 103-84 on Sunday night. "I know my shooters only need a little bit of room to get the shot off," James said. "For me, I struggled offensively, but the shooters made some good shots." James missed 10 of his first 13 shots and the Heat trailed by a point late in the

third quarter before starting to play the kind of flawless basketball that led them to a team-record 66 wins this season. Chalmers finished with 19 points and James had 17 points, eight rebounds and seven assists while shooting only 7 of 17 from the field. The Heat made 10 of 19 3-pointers and got 13 points from Ray Allen, and 12 points and 10 rebounds from Chris Bosh. San Antonio was incredibly precise in its 92-88 victory in Game 1, but committed 17 turnovers on Sunday, leading to 19 Miami points. Danny Green made all six of his shots, including five 3-pointers, to score 17 points to lead the Spurs. Tony Parker had 13 points on 5-of-14 shooting, and Tim Duncan shot 3 of 13 and finished with nine

Heat beat Spurs in Game 2 to level NBA Finals

points and 11 rebounds. The Spurs host Game 3 on Tuesday night. James insisted he wouldn't force himself to do more to lead the team after getting a triple-double in Game 1, and he never seized the opportunity in Game 2 to take control of the scoring. He didn't need to. Not with Chalmers making big shots and the Heat's defense making the Spurs look shaky all night. The often-maligned Chalmers is often seen in Heat highlights being yelled at by James or another Miami veteran. But he's as cocky as any of the superstars in Miami, and he has the big-moment plays to back up his bravado, such as his 25 points in Game 4 of last year's NBA Finals. The point guard sparked the Heat late in the third after San Antonio had taken a 62-61 lead. He converted two three-point plays, Al-

len and Mike Miller nailed 3-pointers, and James made only his third field goal of the game during a 14-3 run that sent Miami to the fourth with a 75-65 advantage. They opened the fourth with nine straight points to make it 84-65, erasing any chance of their first two-game losing streak in five months. The Spurs had only four turnovers in Game 1, matching an NBA Finals record low. But they surpassed that total in the first quarter, with Parker committing two of their five turnovers after not coughing it up once in the opener. The Spurs' unrecognizable sloppy play continued, with Parker firing passes on the pick-and-roll right into a Heat player's leg on multiple occasions and even getting benched barely three minutes into the third quarter. □



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Nadal beats Ferrer for record 8th French Open win

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PARIS (AP) — If Rafael Nadal truly was going to be challenged, if his bid for an unprecedented eighth French Open championship would be slowed even a bit, this might have been the moment.

Leading by a set and a break 70 minutes into Sunday's final against David Ferrer, another generally indefatigable Spaniard, Nadal faced four break points in one game. The last was a 31-stroke exchange, capped when Nadal absorbed Ferrer's strong backhand approach and transformed it into a cross-court backhand passing shot.

Ferrer glared at the ball as it flew past and landed in a corner, then smiled ruefully. What else was there to do? Dealing with Nadal's defense-to-offense on red clay is a thankless task. His rain-soaked 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ferrer on was Nadal's record 59th win in 60 matches at the French Open and made him the only man with eight titles at any Grand Slam tournament.

"I never like to compare years, but it's true that this year means something very special for me," Nadal said, alluding to the way he managed to come back from a left knee injury that sidelined him for about seven months.

"When you have a period of time like I had," he added, "you realize that you don't know if you will have the chance to be back here with this trophy another time."

But he does it, year after year.

He won four French Opens in a row from 2005-08, and another four in a row from 2010-13.

"Rafael was better than me," said Ferrer, who had won all 18 sets he'd played the past two weeks to reach his first Grand Slam final at age 31. "He didn't make mistakes."

A week past his 27th birthday, Nadal now owns 12 major trophies in all — including two from Wimble-

don, one each from the U.S. Open and Australian Open — to eclipse Bjorn Borg and Rod Laver and equal Roy Emerson for the third-most in history. Nadal trails only Roger Federer's 17 and Pete Sampras' 14. "Winning 17 Grand Slam titles, that's miles away," Nadal said with his typical humility. "I'm not even thinking about it."



Spain's Rafael Nadal lifts the cup after defeating compatriot David Ferrer during the men's final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Sunday, June 9, 2013 in Paris.
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This was Nadal's first major tournament after a surprising second-round loss at Wimbledon last June. Since rejoining the tour in February, he is 43-2 with seven titles and two runner-up finishes. He's won his past 22 matches.

"For me, it's incredible," said Toni Nadal, Rafael's uncle and coach. "When I think of all that Rafael has done, I don't understand it."

Let's be plain: No one, perhaps not even Ferrer himself, expected Nadal to lose Sunday.

That's because of Nadal's skill on clay, in general, and at Roland Garros, in particular, but also because of how Ferrer had fared against his friend and countryman — and video-game competitor — in the past.

Ferrer entered Sunday 4-19 against Nadal. On clay,

Nadal had 16 consecutive victories over Ferrer, whose only head-to-head win on the surface came the first time they played, in July 2004, when Nadal was 18. Nadal had yet to make his French Open debut then, missing it that year because of a broken left foot. On May 23, 2005, Nadal played his first match at Roland Garros, beating

able to take in than the final, akin to dining on a filet mignon accompanied by a well-aged bottle of Bordeaux — each bite and sip rich, textured — one day, then grabbing a hot dog and can of soda from a street vendor 48 hours later.

Under a leaden sky that eventually would release a steady shower from the

ponents is the way Nadal slams the door when they have openings, then rushes through when he gets the slightest chance.

He was at his relentless best on key points, including those four break chances for Ferrer at 3-1 in the second set. Immediately after, Nadal broke to 5-1 on a forehand winner down the line.

As Nadal prepared to serve in the next game, a man wearing a white mask and carrying a fiery flare jumped out of the stands nearby. The intruder quickly was shoved to the ground by one security guard, while another went to protect Nadal.

"I felt a little bit scared at the first moment," Nadal said, "because I didn't see what's going on."

It happened within a few minutes of other actions by protesters, including chanting from the upper deck that briefly delayed play. Police said seven people were held for questioning. Nadal got broken in that game, then broke back right away to take the second set.

The third set was similar to the first. It was 3-all, then suddenly over. Nadal took the last three games, ending the match with a forehand winner before dropping his racket and falling on his back, leaving a rust-colored smudge on his white shirt and flecks of clay on his stubbled cheeks. Soon he was standing, holding his index finger aloft.

Yes, Nadal is No. 1 at the French Open, without a doubt.

When the ATP rankings are issued Monday, however, he will be No. 5, due to points he dropped while hurt. Oddly enough, Ferrer will be at No. 4.

"Yeah, it's strange, no? I lost the final against Rafael, but tomorrow I am going to be No. 4 and him No. 5," Ferrer said with a grin, then delivered his punchline: "I prefer to win here and to stay No. 5."

Sorry, David. This is Nadal's tournament.

Now the question becomes: Is eight enough? □

Lars Burgsmuller 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-1 on Court 1, known as the "bullring" because of its oval shape.

And so began the reign. Nadal won a record 31 consecutive matches at the French Open until the fourth round in 2009, when Robin Soderling beat him. In 2010, Nadal started a new streak, which currently stands at 28.

There was occasional shakiness this year. Nadal lost the first set of each of his first two matches, and was pushed to a tiebreaker to begin his third. His fourth match, a straight-set win against No. 15 Kei Nishikori, "was a major step forward," Nadal said. Still, he barely edged No. 1-ranked Novak Djokovic in a thrilling semifinal that lasted more than 4½ hours and ended 9-7 in the fifth set Friday.

By any measure, that match was far more enjoy-

second set on, Ferrer felt nerves at the outset, he acknowledged later. But after the players traded early breaks, Ferrer held for a 3-2 lead.

That's when Nadal took over, winning seven games in a row and 12 of 14 to render the ultimate result pretty clear. It was as if he simply decided, "Enough is enough." His court coverage was impeccable, as usual, showing no signs of any problems from that left knee, which was supported by a band of white tape. His lefty forehand whips were really on-target, accounting for 19 of his 35 winners and repeatedly forcing errors from Ferrer.

When Nadal did have lapses, he admonished himself, once slapping his forehead with his right palm after pushing a lob wide. But what's demoralizing for op-



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Phil Mickelson hits toward the seventh pin during the final round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament on Sunday, June 9, 2013, in Memphis, Tenn.

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English wins St. Jude

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English became the fourth player to win the event in his first start since the tournament moved to TPC Southwind in 1989 and the second straight after Dustin Johnson a year ago.

The final round returned to normal Memphis weather with the temperature reaching the high 80s along with the wind blowing from the south at 10-15 mph as it usually does at Southwind.

English won the Southern Amateur in 2011 and was an amateur when he won on the Web.com Tour at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational in July 2011. He moved to the PGA Tour in 2012 and finished 79th on the money list. Now he has his fourth top 10 this year.

It looked as if Stallings, a two-time winner on tour, would add his third win in three years when he took advantage of consecutive bogeys by English on Nos. 8 and 9 to go up by three strokes. Stallings was 12 under at the turn with four birdies on the front side. But he finished with a double bogey, a birdie and a bo-

gey in his final four holes. Shawn Stefani, a 31-year-old rookie from Texas, went into the final round with a one-stroke lead, had a 76 to drop into a tie for seventh at 6 under.

English, playing with Stefani in the final group, rallied after his consecutive bogeys. He birdied No. 10, rolling in a 14-footer from the fringe, and hit his tee shot within 5 feet on the par-3 11th for his second straight birdie and fourth of the round. His fifth bogey of the day, at No. 12, moved him back to 10 under.

Stallings went to 11 under with a birdie on the par-5 16th. He hit his approach into a bunker on the right side of the green, blasted out to 5 feet and rolled in the putt to go ahead. But Stallings missed his own birdie attempt from the same distance a couple feet away on the green, which cost him when English birdied No. 16 a few minutes later to tie him again atop the leaderboard. On No. 18, Stallings hit his tee shot way right between the fairway bunkers and the cart path and put his approach into the right rough 83 feet away.



Park wins playoff to claim LPGA Championship

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PITTSFORD, New York (AP)

— Inbee Park birdied the third hole of a sudden-death playoff with Catriona Matthew to win the rain-delayed LPGA Championship on Sunday.

Park made a 20-foot putt on the par-4 18th to win her second major of the season and third of her career. She rebounded in the playoff after relinquishing a three-shot lead with a final-round 3-over 75.

The top-ranked South Korean star bogeyed three of her final five holes in regulation and hit only six fairways in the final round.

"It feels great. It was a tough day out there," Park said. "The amount of fairways I was missing today, it's almost a miracle that I won today. I think I got a little lucky there, too. And I really tried to fight off and tried not to give up. That really paid off."

The 42-year-old Matthew, from Scotland, shot a bogey-free 68 to match Park at 5-under 283 at Locust Hill.

Norway's Suzann Pettersen and American Morgan Pressel finished in a share of third, a shot behind the leaders. Pettersen had the low round for the tournament, closing with a 65. Pressel collapsed after opening the day with a two-stroke lead through two rounds at 6-under 138. Amy Yang, Chella Choi, Jiyai Shin and Sun Young Yoo finished tied for fifth at 3-under 285, while defending champion Shanshan Feng, Michelle Wie and Na Yeon Choi were another stroke back at 2-under 286. Sixteen-year-old amateur



Inbee Park kisses the trophy after winning sudden death play during the LPGA Championship golf tournament at Locust Hill Country Club in Pittsford, N.Y., on Sunday June 9, 2013.

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Lydia Ko of New Zealand shot a final-round 69 to finish in a share of 17th place at 1-over 289, equaling her best finish at a major. She also finished in a tie for 17th at last year's British Open. It was a dramatic finish to a long day in which organizers were forced to squeeze in the final two rounds after torrential rain postponed the first round Thursday. And a 36-hole day ended up going 39 for Park and Matthew. The tournament wasn't decided until nearly 8 p.m. local time, some 12 hours after Matthew teed off to open her third round. "I felt like I ran a marathon today," Park said. "I'm just happy we got it done. A major championship should have this kind of challenge, not the 36 holes every time, but this golf course."

After both made par on the first two playoff holes, Matthew struggled off the 18th tee. She had difficulty advancing the ball out of the rough just below the green on her third shot and then

missed a 50-foot par chip. "I don't think fatigue was a factor during the playoff," Matthew said.

"I think just the adrenaline of being in the playoff kept you going. I certainly didn't feel tired during the playoff."

The 24-year-old Park also won the Kraft Nabisco in early April and the 2008 U.S. Women's Open. With the win on Sunday, Asian players have now won nine straight majors.

Park became only the seventh player to win the LPGA Tour's first two majors in a season, and the first since Annika Sorenstam won the same two events in 2005. She has seven career LPGA victories, six in her last 22 starts.

Park lost her rhythm and focus through the final round, hitting only eight of 18 greens. Frustrated with her play, she said it wasn't until the playoff began when she was able to refocus.

"Nothing seemed to be working. □



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Johnson dominates in win at Pocono Raceway

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LONG POND, Pennsylvania (AP) — Jimmie Johnson

walked into the media center holding his daughter's hand, his pregnant wife right behind them. Their second child is due in September, right around the time of the final race before the Chase field is set.

With an automatic berth in NASCAR's playoffs secured, Johnson has permission to skip the race for the big birth.

"If Chani goes into labor early, I don't have to worry about Richmond," Johnson said.

A week after a late penalty denied his chance at a win, Johnson absolutely dominated Sunday at Pocono Raceway, leading 128 of 160 laps for his third victory of the season.

"Jimmie's switched on right now," crew chief Chad Knaus said. "He's as good or better as I've ever seen him."

High praise for the five-time champion.

Even during his championship run, Johnson rarely cruised like he did on the 2 1/2-mile triangle track. The Sprint Cup points leader, Johnson pulled away on both of the last two restarts over the final 10 laps to pull into Victory Lane at Pocono for the first time since he swept both races in 2004.

Johnson was never seriously challenged a week after his run at a possible win at Dover International Speedway was taken away by a penalty off a restart. NASCAR penalized him for jumping leader Juan Pablo Montoya off the restart with 19 laps left and he finished 17th.

It was a rare misstep for Johnson but he rebound-



Jimmie Johnson celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Pocono 400 auto race on Sunday, June 9, 2013, in Long Pond, Pa.

Associated Press

ed just fine at Pocono.

"It would have been very

easy to come in here with a chip on your shoulder

or a grudge," Knaus said. "Jimmie is not that kind of guy."

Johnson, though, briefly flirted with the idea of pulling some sort of restart stunt to send a message to NASCAR. He just couldn't bring himself to try and get one over on Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"I wanted to prove a point and show everyone what could happen in that restart zone," Johnson said. There was no need. The No. 48 Chevrolet was that dialed in.

He pretty much only lost the lead because of pit stop cycles.

After only one caution in the first 125 laps, they came in bunches over the last 35. Johnson held off Earnhardt with nine laps left and pulled away one more time with four to go.

"He's one of the best drivers this sport has ever seen," Earnhardt said. "Chad Knaus is probably one of the smartest crew chiefs the sport has ever seen."

Johnson also won the Daytona 500 and at Martinsville Speedway this season. His 63rd career Cup victory helped stretch his points lead to 51 over Carl Edwards.

Johnson won from the pole after rain washed out qualifying Friday.

Odds are, Johnson won't really skip a race, especially with the due date in mid-September. But if he has that top seed locked up and is needed in a pinch, he'll put family first.

"That's what I'm working so hard for," Johnson said.

Greg Biffle was second and Earnhardt. Dover winner Tony Stewart was fourth, followed by fellow Stewart-Haas Racing driver Ryan Newman.

"I really didn't have anything for Jimmie," Biffle said. "Jimmie was in a league of his own."

Earnhardt would love a repeat of last season when he was in contention at Pocono before settling for eighth, then won the next week at Michigan International Speedway. He wasn't won since — and Michigan is on deck.

"We want to get a win, man," Earnhardt said. "I can see it right there in front of me. I really thought we got close."

Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick and Joey Logano rounded out the top 10.

Stewart and Newman continued a three-week resurgence for SHR, though Danica Patrick was 29th. Stewart jumped three spots to 13th in the standings and still has the No. 1 wildcard spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. The final race before the 12-driver field is set is Sept. 7.

"It's not just one team, the whole organization is gaining momentum," Stewart said.

Johnson had his ninth top-10 finish of 2013 and has now won at least three races in 11 of his 12 full-time seasons. His 128 laps led were the most of his career at Pocono — amazing since the race was shortened from 200 laps to 160 last season.

Consider, in Johnson's first Pocono win in 2004, it was only the ninth of his career and he had yet to win a championship.

For all his success, Johnson never takes it for granted. "There are no guarantees we'll win again, there really aren't," he said. "The sport moves so fast."

At Pocono, the No. 48 led the way. □

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Music service, mobile software expected from Apple

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NEW YORK (AP) — Apple

is expected to reveal a digital radio service and changes to the software behind iPhones and iPads on Monday as the company opens its annual conference for software developers.

Apple hasn't said what it will unveil at the Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. But the major announcements are expected during Monday's keynote presentation. Last year, Apple used the conference to announce its own mapping service, better integration with social networks and improvements to virtual assistant Siri. It also announced thinner MacBooks with high-resolution screens. The conference runs through Friday.

This year, Apple is expected to show off a simplified look on iPhones and iPads. If the speculation is correct, it would be the most radical design change since the iPhone made its debut in 2007, showing consumers that phones could do much more than make calls and exchange messages.

This week's event comes at an important time for Apple. The company's stock price has fallen amid concerns that another breakthrough product isn't imminent. Although CEO Tim Cook has said people shouldn't expect new products until the fall, Apple is likely to preview how future products will function in its unveiling of new services and features.

Monday's highlight is expected to be an updated version of iOS, the software that runs iPhones, iPads and iPod Touches. It will be

called iOS 7 and will come with new devices expected to go on sale this fall. Owners of recent models such as last fall's iPhone 5 will likely be eligible for free upgrades.

Icons in iOS now have a three-dimensional look that tries to mimic the real-world counterparts of certain apps. For instance, the icon for the Notes app looks like a yellow notepad and the Contacts app is represented by a leather-bound address book. The speculation is that Apple will do away with that theme in iOS 7. Instead, icons will look plain and simple, offering more consistency from app to app. The new design is likely to favor black and white elements rather than splashes of color.

While design modifications could help Apple distinguish its devices from rival phones and tablets, they risk alienating longtime users.

Microsoft's radical makeover of the Windows operating system in October was meant to give the company a stronger presence on tablet computers, but it ended up confusing many people who had become accustomed to using the old operating system on traditional desktops and laptops. Research group IDC blamed Windows 8 for accelerating a decline in PC sales.

Apple riled users of its gadgets last fall when it kicked out a beloved app using Google's mapping service and replaced it with its own Maps app. Travelers complained of misplaced landmarks, overlooked towns and other problems. What was supposed to be a triumph for Apple served to underscore Google's



Pedestrians pass the Apple store location on fifth avenue Thursday, June 6, 2013, in New York.

Associated Press

strength in maps. Apple's Cook issued a rare public apology and promised improvements.

Apple may use iOS 7 as an opportunity to update its Maps app. Other features in iOS 7 may include new ways to do things through gesture commands.

Apple is also expected to debut a streaming music service dubbed iRadio.

Apple is a pioneer in digital music sales.

The debut of its iTunes music store in 2003 gave people an easy, legal way to obtain music for their iPods. Apple persuaded the major recording companies to join its efforts as a way to thwart online piracy. What started with a catalog of about 200,000 songs has grown to tens of millions today. The iTunes store is now the leading U.S. retailer of music.

With iTunes, people buy songs or albums to down-

load to computers, phones and tablets. But streaming services such as Pandora and Spotify have emerged as popular alternatives for listening to music. Pandora relies on its users being connected to the Internet at all times and plays songs at random within certain genres for free.

The service is supported by advertising. It is the most similar service to the one Apple is expected to announce Monday. The difference is that Apple is expected to feature a seamless way for listeners to purchase songs through iTunes.

The announcement could further cement Apple as a leader in digital music and cut into Pandora's status as the most-listened-to Internet radio service.

But Apple faces a new type of competition that it didn't have when it debuted iTunes. Rival Google

Inc. started an on-demand subscription music service called All Access last month. The service joins Spotify, Rhapsody and others that give subscribers the ability to pick and choose specific songs and albums from a catalog of millions for playback on computers, tablets and smartphones. Such services allow songs to be saved on mobile devices for playback outside of Internet connectivity as long as the user keeps paying a monthly fee — usually \$10 a month in the U.S.

Apple Inc. faces more competition on phones, too. Phones running Google Inc.'s Android system have surpassed iPhones in sales. In addition, new phones running Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Phone 8 system and Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerry 10 have started going on sale in recent months. □

As Japan seeks revival, hedge funds bet on a bust

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AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Until a couple of months ago, Takashi Yamada had one of the most genteel jobs in Japan. Now, his days are so harried he doesn't have time to eat lunch.

Yamada, 45, is a government-bond trader at major brokerage Daiwa Securities Co.

Shock-and-Awe monetary policies, announced in April, have sent Japanese government bonds, this nation's equivalent of U.S. Treasuries, into a whirl of volatility.

"Our job is about interest rates, and that's supposed to be like rice in a meal, not steak, something basic but needed," Yamada said, looking weary and a bit out of breath, after non-stop juggling of bond selling and buying on several monitors at his desk. "No one expected this."

The sudden frenzy of his job underlines the growing fears about Japan's surging public debt.

Bonds were long stable, which meant the adjustments to bond trades or "positions" Yamada had to do were routine and predictable.

Not anymore.

The yield, or interest rate, on benchmark 10-year



In this Wednesday, June 5, 2013 photo, Takashi Yamada, right, a government-bond trader at major brokerage Daiwa Securities Co., monitors screens at his bond trading section in Tokyo. Until a couple of months ago, Yamada had one of the most genteel jobs in Japan.

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bonds shot up to 1 percent for the first time in a year late last month, although it later headed down. In the bond market, yields go up when prices drop so even tiny moves in those rates can translate into lots of yen made or lost.

The lavish Japan revival policies of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, including the Bank of Japan's doubling

the money supply in two years, are designed to wrest the nation out of deflation, or continually sinking prices that hurt growth, and two decades of economic doldrums.

But at the heart of "Abenomics" is a contradiction: Japan may not be able to afford the inflation that Abe's grand ambition hopes to ignite.

After years of deficits financed by sales of government bonds, public debt is already twice the size of the economy and interest payments consume a quarter of government spending. It is an unassailable reality that if inflation goes up so must interest rates and so must pressure on the bloated finances of a government atop the world's third-largest economy.

Although Abenomics has generally lifted Tokyo stocks and lowered the yen, a boon for the giant exporters of Japan Inc., the bond market that keeps Japan's government afloat is growing ever nervous.

The sell-off in bonds last month was one sign of the panicky mood and occurred despite the Bank of Japan's constant presence in the market, buying up more than half of government bonds for the next two years. A handful of overseas hedge funds are seeking to make a killing on the gloomiest scenario for Abenomics. Experts say their methods involve futures trading, which allows betting on bonds you don't own.

They are counting on what they see as an inevi-

table catastrophe. If bond prices crash, their owners, mostly Japanese financial situations, will lose a major chunk of their assets overnight. It would freeze up the market that funds the government's mammoth deficits, shattering Japan's credibility as an economic power and send shockwaves rippling around the world. "My assessment of the situation is that nothing can be done from this point forward to avoid a full bond crisis," said J. Kyle Bass, managing partner at Dallas-based Hayman Capital Management. "I think it is not only possible. It is probable."

His hedge fund invests in conventional ways, too, such as stocks, although none in Japanese equities, and currencies, including investing in a cheaper yen. But he has made positions that will allow his hedge fund to come out ahead if Japanese bond prices plunge. He declined to give details of how he hedges, citing policy.

Investors such as Bass are sometimes criticized as seeking to make money off a crisis or even helping to engineer one. The way Bass sees it, his hedge fund is carrying out an investment strategy that's prepared for the obvious risks.

"The better way to ask the question is: How do you hedge yourself against this eventuality?" Bass said in a recent interview in Tokyo. He may be on to something.

The risks for investing in bonds tend to be minimal compared with stocks and currencies. But the rewards for betting on a bond crash can be great — although that's a big "if."

After Abe took office late last year, the Bank of Japan set a 2 percent inflation target and the government promised structural reforms such as opening up trade, promoting women in the work place and boosting people's income. The government is pumping 8 trillion yen (\$80 billion) into public spending, focused on infrastructure, to jump-start the economy.

TiVo settles with Cisco, Motorola and Time Warner

ALVISO, California (AP) — TiVo has settled patent disputes with Cisco, Motorola Mobility and Time Warner Cable, averting a trial that was to begin next week.

The settlement fell well short of what most investors had expected, however, and shares of Tivo plunged 18 percent in premarket trading Friday.

Under the agreement, TiVo will get a lump-sum payment of \$490 million from Google and Cisco. The company will also enter into patent licensing deals with Cisco, Google and Arris Group Inc.

Google Inc. bought Motorola Mobility in 2012 and

sold its set-top making unit to Arris this year.

"We are pleased to reach an agreement that brings our pending litigation to an end and further underscores the significant value our distribution partners derive from TiVo's technological innovations," CEO Tom Rogers said.

TiVo Inc., based in Alviso, Calif., has been suing pay TV companies, saying that they are using its patented technology in DVRs. It previously negotiated about \$1 billion in combined settlements in similar cases against other companies, including Dish Network Corp., AT&T Inc. and Veri-

zon Communications.

TiVo has still struggled to make money, posting annual losses in nearly all of the past 10 years.

Motorola Mobility and Time Warner cable said they were satisfied with the deal. Officials with Cisco Systems Inc. didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

With Friday's deal, Tivo's awards and settlement from patent lawsuits total about \$1.6 billion.

Following the announcement, TiVo said it would double its stock buyback program to \$200 million and extended the plan for an additional two years.

U.S. auto industry about to go on hiring spree

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DETROIT (AP) — The auto industry is about to go on a hiring spree as car makers and parts suppliers race to find engineers, technicians and factory workers to build the next generation of vehicles.

The new employees will be part of a larger, busier workforce. From coast to coast, the industry is in top gear. Factories are operating at about 95 percent of capacity, and many are already running three shifts. As a result, some auto and parts companies are doing something they've been reluctant to consider since the recession: Adding floor space and spending millions of dollars on new equipment.

"We're really bumping up against the edge," says Michael Robinet, managing director of IHS Automotive, which forecasts auto production. "So it really is brick-and-mortar time."

The auto industry's stepped-up hiring will help sustain the nation's job growth and help fuel consumer spending. On Friday, the government said U.S. employers added 175,000 jobs in May, roughly the monthly average for the past year and a sign of the economy's resilience.

At 7.6 percent, U.S. unemployment remains well above the 5 percent to 6 percent typical of a healthy economy. Growth is still modest, in part because of higher taxes and government spending cuts that kicked in this year and weak overseas economies. But the housing market is strengthening, and U.S. consumer confidence has reached a five-year high.

The auto industry's outlook is bright. Vehicle sales for 2013 could reach 15.5 million, the highest in six years. To meet that demand, automakers must find more people. Hundreds of companies that make parts for automakers have to hire, too, just to keep up.

"As volume goes up, we will really need to add heads," says Mel Stephens, a spokesman for Lear Corp., which makes automotive seats. From January through May, automakers and parts companies hired 8,000 workers, a relatively slow rate. But the pace is picking up. The Center for Automotive Research expects the industry to add 35,000 jobs over the full year. The hiring plans are widespread. Chrysler Group LLC, Honda Motor Co., General Motors Co., Mercedes-Benz and Ford Motor Co. plan to add more than 13,000 people this year.

Large parts companies such as Lear, BorgWarner Inc. and TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. are hiring at factories and research centers. Smaller suppliers are adding jobs as well.

The auto business has helped keep the economy afloat while Americans wait for the rest of the business world to start hiring. Since 2009, 1 in every 4 manufacturing jobs added in the U.S. came in the auto industry, says Daniel Meckstroth, chief economist for the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation, a manufacturing trade group. The auto industry is just under 7 percent of U.S. manufacturing jobs.

Car companies and parts makers created 167,500 jobs from the end of the recession in June 2009 through May. At the same time, U.S. auto sales rose from a low point of 10.4 million in 2009 to an annual rate of more than 15 million so far this year.

Chrysler's comeback gave Jeff Caldwell the confidence to leave a human resources consulting firm. Caldwell joined the company in February as an assembly line supervisor at a Jeep Grand Cherokee factory in Detroit. He supervises 100 workers who build the SUV's chassis.

"I knew Chrysler was mov-

ing in the right direction," says Caldwell, 29, who was born in Detroit and always had an interest in cars. "They kind of reinvented themselves, and I really wanted to get in while I could."

Smaller companies also

In this Wednesday, May 8, 2013, photo, Jeff Caldwell, 29, right, a chassis assembly line supervisor, checks a vehicle on the assembly line at the Chrysler Jefferson North Assembly plant in Detroit. The auto industry is on a hiring spree as car makers and parts suppliers race to find engineers, technicians and factory workers to build the next generation of vehicles.

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A tale of two employment surveys

By The Associated Press
Associated Press

The U.S. economy added a solid 175,000 jobs in May, but the unemployment rate rose to 7.6 percent from 7.5 percent.

Why did the unemployment rate go up when employers added more jobs? Because the government does one survey to learn how many jobs were created and another survey to determine the unemployment rate. Those surveys can sometimes produce different results.

One is called the payroll survey. It asks mostly large companies and government agencies how many people they employed during the month. This survey produces the number of jobs gained or lost. In May, the payroll survey showed that companies added 178,000 jobs, and federal, state and local governments shed 3,000.

The other is the household survey. Government workers ask whether the adults in a household have a job. Those who don't are asked whether they're looking for one. If they are, they're considered unemployed. If they aren't, they're not considered part of the

workforce and aren't counted as unemployed. The household survey produces each month's unemployment rate.

In May, the household survey showed that 420,000 people began looking for work. That's a good sign that they were more confident about their prospects for finding a job. Nearly three-quarters of those people found work. But the rest did not, so the number of unemployed rose by 101,000 to almost 11.8 million. That was enough to increase the unemployment rate. Unlike the payroll survey, the household survey captures farm workers, the self-employed and people who work for new companies. It also does a better job of capturing hiring by small businesses.

But the household survey is more volatile from month to month. The Labor Department surveys just 60,000 households, a small fraction of the more than 100 million U.S. households. By contrast, the payroll survey seeks information from 145,000 companies and government agencies — and they employ roughly one-third of non-farm employees. □

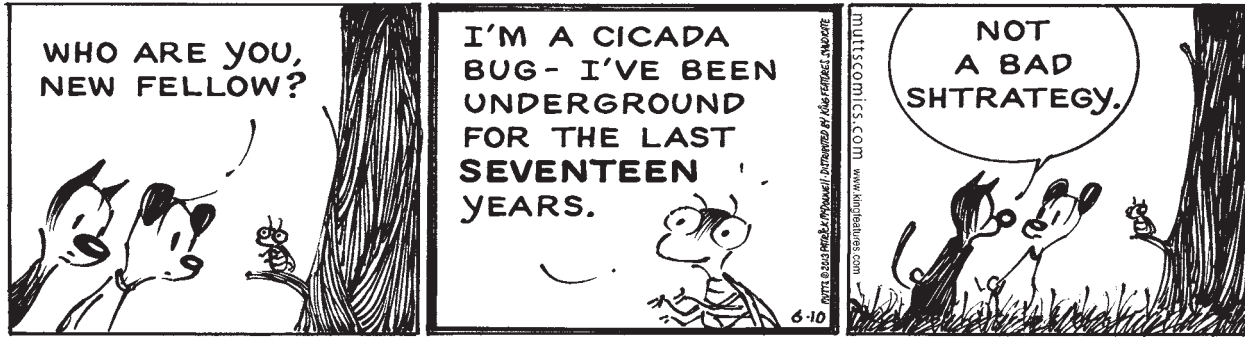
are joining in. Automotive business at Waukesha Metal Products in Sussex, Wisconsin, is so strong that the company is near its capacity to make metal parts for axles, drive shafts and interiors. It's adding \$1 million worth of equipment near Milwaukee and building a plant in Mexico to be closer to companies it supplies.

Most industry analysts predict that U.S. auto sales will rise gradually during the next five years. Estimates for this year range from 15 million to 15.5 million, compared with 14.5 million a year ago. LMC Automotive, a Troy, Michigan, forecasting firm, predicts that sales will gradually increase to 17 million in 2017. That level would be almost equal to the boom years of the late 1990s and early 2000s.

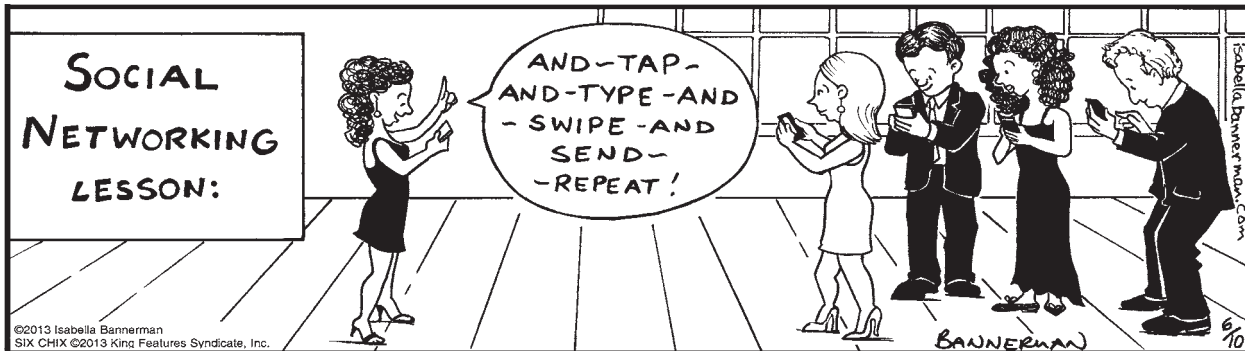
Analysts say sales will climb as more people reach driving age. Also, many consumers and businesses still have cars and trucks they bought last decade, if not earlier. The average vehicle on U.S. roads is now a record 11.2 years.

The improving economy also helps lift sales. As the housing and construction sectors have come back to life, pickup sales have risen faster than the rest of the market. □

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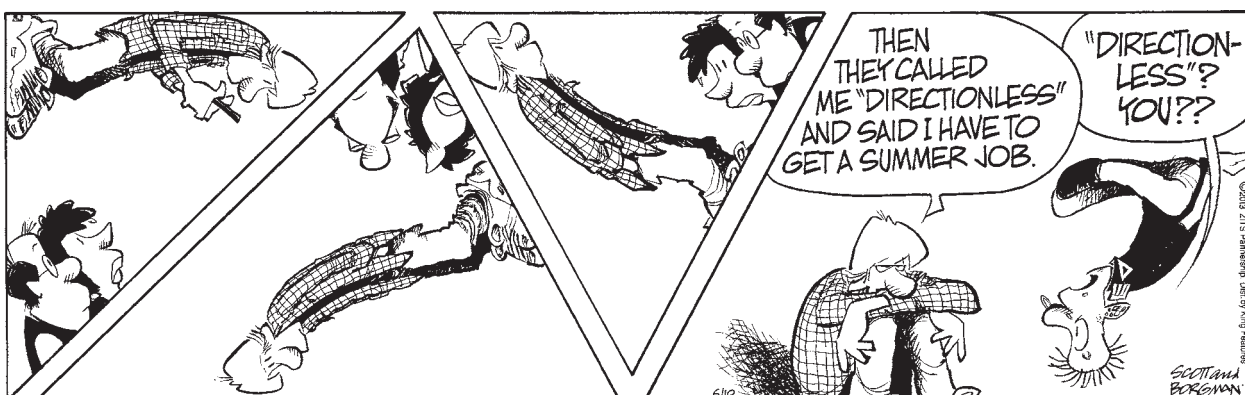
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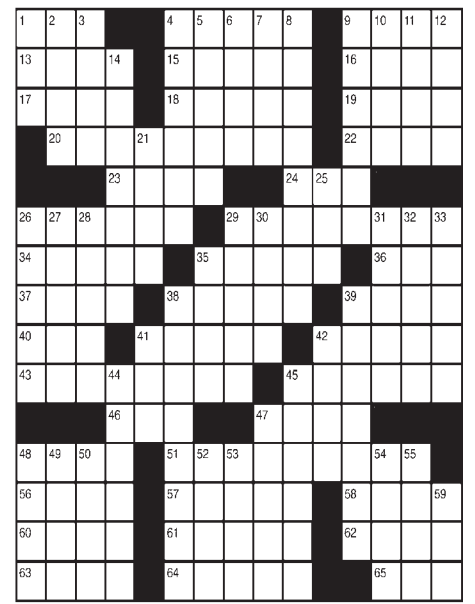
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- Anger
- Passenger
- Ice cream parlor drink
- Get up
- Deteriorate
- Get __; take revenge
- Mont Blanc's range
- Europe's longest river
- Trim; slender
- Magical
- Concludes
- __ and haws; hesitates
- Opening trio
- Maintenance
- Answer to an objection
- Fish by dragging a net
- Official stamps
- Wedding words
- Little children
- Dishwasher cycle
- Bible prophet
- Christmas __; December 24
- Landing wharf
- Sioux or Hopi
- Puts aside for later use
- Horizontal supporting beam
- Utilize
- Luau dance
- Large obstacle
- Disrespect
- Cracker spread
- Ease
- Spanish artist
- Pumping __; lifting weights
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- Made a mistake
- Suffix for Japan or Nepal



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- Margin
- Legible
- Choose
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- Deceased
- Blyth & Jillian
- Shuns
- Part of the foot
- Public transport
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- Show to be true
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- Shy; fearful
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New Lincoln math pages suggest more education

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Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois (AP)—

Two math-notebook pages recently authenticated as belonging to Abraham Lincoln suggest the 16th president, who was known to downplay his formal education, may have spent more time in school than usually thought.

And the Illinois State University math professors behind the discovery say the work shows Lincoln was no slouch, either.

Math professors Nerida Ellerton and Ken Clements said Friday at the university in Normal that they'd recently confirmed that the two pages were part of a previously known math notebook from Lincoln's childhood. It was found in the archives of Houghton Library at Harvard University, where it remains.

The book, known as a cyphering book in Lincoln's day, is a sort math workbook in which Lincoln wrote math problems and their answers. It's the oldest known Lincoln manuscript. Based on the difficulty of the problems involved and dates on some of the pages — 1824 and, on the recently authenticated pages, 1826, when Lincoln was 17 — Lincoln likely worked in the book intermittently over several calendar years while his family lived in Indiana, the married professors said. They think he could have started as early as the age of 10 and believe his work happened while he was in school.

"Most people say he went to school for anything between three months and nine months" over the course of his life, Clements said. "We think he went to school (up to) two years." And very little of the work is wrong, he added.

"He made very few errors, and he always knew what he was trying to do," Clements added. "We've studied thousands of these cyphering books. You don't always get the feeling that

'this guy knew what he was doing.'"

The professors' find suggests Lincoln may have gone to school over as many as three to five winters, according to historian Daniel Stowell, director of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln project at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield. The library owns one previously identified page of the book.

"They are arguing with some merit that a cyphering book would have been created in a school setting," Stowell said. "It does at least open the possibility that he may have had more formal schooling than originally thought. Not a whole lot more, but still more."

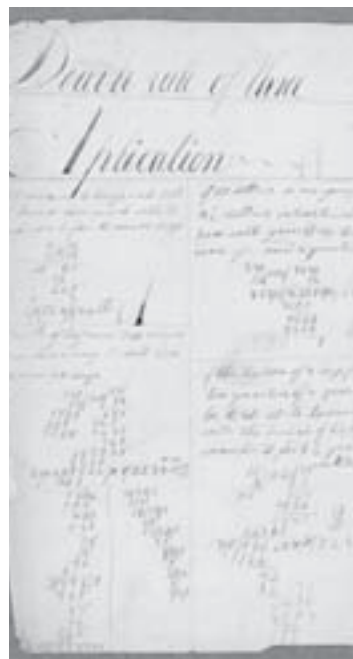
The pages — attached as a single leaf — include word problems that are the equivalent of roughly eighth-grade modern work, Clements said.

"If 100 dollars in one year gain 3½ dollars interest, what sum will gain \$38.50 cents in one year and a quarter?" one reads.

Any student doing such work in the 1820s would have been more advanced than most on the frontier in Indiana, Clements said.

"If you got to that stage, you'd sort of done well," he said.

Lincoln is known to have later studied trigonometry and geometry on his own. The newly authenticated pages have been in the Harvard library's archives since 1954. They were known as Lincoln documents, but their origin wasn't known, the profes-



This undated photo provided by permission of the Houghton Library at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., shows one of two pages from the library's archives (call number MS Am 1326) that Illinois State University math professors Nerida Ellerton and Ken Clements on Friday, June 7, 2013 confirmed as two new pages to add to the math notebook believed to be the oldest surviving document written by Abraham Lincoln. The pages are from the 1820s.

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sors said. The two looked at the documents as they researched a book they've written on math books from the period.

A letter from former Lincoln law partner William Herndon from 1875 that accompanied the papers, describing them, made the authentication relatively straightforward, Clements said.

Lincoln's stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, gave the cyphering book to Herndon after Lincoln's death, and Herndon then gave them to other people, Stowell said. □

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APNewsBreak: Atlantic puffins in peril in U.S.

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Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

The Atlantic puffin population is at risk in the United States, and there are signs the seabirds are in distress in other parts of the world. In the Gulf of Maine, the comical-looking seabirds have been dying of starvation and losing body weight, possibly because of shifting fish populations as ocean temperatures rise, according to scientists. The survival rates of fledglings on Maine's two largest puffin colonies plunged last summer, and puffins are in declining health at the largest puffin colony in the Gulf, on a Canadian island about 10 miles (16 kilometers) off eastern Maine. Dozens of emaciated birds were found washed ashore in Massachusetts and Bermuda this past winter, likely victims of starvation.

Whether dead puffins will continue washing up on shore and puffin chick survival rates will stay low remains to be seen. But there are enough signals suggesting that puffins and other seabirds could be in trouble, said Rebecca Holberton, a professor at the University of Maine who has studied puffins for years.

"It's our marine canary in a coal mine, if you will," Holberton said.

The situation has drawn the attention of scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Northeast Fisheries Science Center in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, who are looking at how shifting fish populations can affect the productivity of puffins, as well as Arctic terns.

With its colorful striped beak, pear-shaped body and amusing waddle, the Atlantic puffin is sometimes called the clown of the sea. It's also held up as a poster child for successful seabird restoration.

An estimated 6 to 8 million puffins live across the North Atlantic, from Maine to northern Russia. But they almost disappeared from Maine after settlers hunted them in the late 1800s for



In this file photo made in July 2007 an Atlantic puffin with a beak crammed with hake makes its way to a burrow to feed its chick, Monday July 9, 2007, on Eastern Egg Rock, Maine.

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This file photo provided by Mark Faherty shows a dead puffin found on a Cape Cod beach in Truro, Mass., in January 2013.

food, eggs and feathers. By 1901, only one pair of puffins nested in Maine, on remote Matinicus Rock. Steve Kress, director of the

National Audubon Society's seabird restoration program, has worked to restore and maintain the puffin population off the

Maine coast for the past 40 years. Puffins spend most of their lives at sea, coming ashore only to breed each spring before returning to the ocean in August. The chicks swim to sea about 40 days after hatching and typically return to the islands after two years.

More than 2,000 of the birds are now in Maine, the vast majority on three islands. But the chick survival rates on the two largest colonies took a dive last summer, possibly because of a lack of herring, their primary food source, Kress said.

On Seal Island, a national wildlife refuge 20 miles (32 kilometers) offshore that's home to about 1,000 puffins, only 31 percent of the laid eggs produced fledglings, down from the five-year average of 77 percent. Similar numbers were experienced at Matinicus Rock, a nearby island with more than 800 birds.

Instead of feeding their young primarily herring, puffin parents were giving them large numbers of butterfish, a more southerly fish that's becoming more abundant in the Gulf

ing to death because the butterfish were too big and round for them to swallow, Kress said. Piles of uneaten butterfish were found next to some of the dead birds. Kress thinks the upward trend in Gulf of Maine water temperatures could be to blame, with last year's record readings causing butterfish to grow faster earlier in the season because of an early phytoplankton bloom, upon which they feed. With a low survival rate, unexplained die-offs and extreme ocean conditions washing away puffin burrows on Seal Island — something he's never seen before — Kress is concerned about what future years will bring.

The puffins in the Gulf of Maine are particularly vulnerable because they live on the outer edge of the bird's geographic range. Moreover, there are signs of distress elsewhere — die-offs in the North Sea and population declines in Iceland, home to more than half the world puffin population, and other places — that have raised fears that extreme weather and warmer ocean waters brought about by climate change may be affecting the birds.

"We don't know how the puffin will adapt to these changes — or if they'll adapt to these conditions," Kress said.

The Gulf of Maine's largest puffin colony — with more than 10,000 birds — is found on Machias Seal Island on the Maine-Canada border 10 miles (16 kilometers) off the eastern Maine coast. There, the average body weight of both adult and baby puffins has been on the decline, most likely because of a shortage of food, said Tony Diamond, a University of New Brunswick professor who studies puffins on Machias Seal. The amount of herring in the puffin's diet has been falling by about 5 percent a year, he said.

What's more, puffins on Machias Seal are breeding later this year than any time on record, another sign of stress, Diamond said. □

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or perhaps more accessible to seabirds because they've moved higher up in the water column. But the chicks ended up starv-

Ukraine pianist wins Cliburn piano competition

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Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) —

Vadym Kholodenko of the Ukraine has won the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, just four months after the death of the contest's namesake. The competition is held every four years and remains among the top showcases for the world's best pianists. Cliburn's win at the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1958 helped thaw the icy rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union, and Cliburn gained worldwide fame and rock-star status.

Cliburn died in February at age 78 after battling bone cancer.

"This competition continues to be what Van wanted: support to young, excellent artists who want to share their art with wider audiences," said Cliburn's president and chief ex-

ecutive Jacques Marquis. "They bring to the classical world a new voice."

Kholodenko, 26, said he was glad his wife could watch all of his performances online as she remained in Moscow with their young daughter.

"She tried not to criticize too much because she understood the pressure," he told The Associated Press after winning Sunday night. Beatrice Rana of Italy placed second, and Sean Chen of the United States placed third.

The other three finalists were Fei-Fei Dong of China, Nikita Mndoyants of Russia and Tomoki Sakata of Japan.

The winner receives \$50,000, a live recording of his or her competition performances, a studio recording and performance attire. The second- and third-prize winners both receive \$20,000 and a live recording of their compe-



Vadym Kholodenko, 26, of Ukraine, right, takes a bow with Leonard Slatkin and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra after his performance on the second day of finals in the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, Texas on Friday June 7, 2013. Associated Press

tion performances. The other three each receive \$10,000, and all six finalists receive three years of concert management.

People around the world watched performances online. During the contest, the Cliburn's webcast had about half a million page

views, more than twice the amount in the previous competition in 2009, according to competition officials. □

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'The Purge' shocks with \$36.4 million opening

JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The suspense thriller "The Purge" topped the weekend box office with a shocking \$36.4 million that doubled industry expectations, according to studio estimates Sunday. Audiences starved for a horror option flocked to the micro-budget Universal film starring Ethan Hawke. The film's strong opening performance minted another box-office hit for "Paranormal Activity" producer Jason Blum.

Like that horror franchise, "The Purge" was made for relatively little money — just \$3 million — making it an extremely lucrative release for Universal. The studio had expected it to open in the high teens.

"Never did we expect it to open at this level," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal. "This result could not have been forecast by anybody."

There has been a dearth of horror films at the multiplex in recent weeks, which Rocco acknowledged was a major factor for "The Purge." Written and directed by James DeMonaco, "The Purge" is set in a utopic United States in the



This film image released by Universal Pictures shows a scene from "The Purge."

year 2022, where crime has been eradicated except for one violently cathartic day a year when nearly all mayhem is legal.

The film opened strong with late night screenings Thurs-

day night that alone took in \$3.4 million.

"This is exactly the kind of film that stumps all the analysts," said Paul Dergarabedian, an analyst for box-office tracker Hollywood.

com. "It proves that R-rated horror films, no matter the budget, always have a place with audiences."

Universal also claimed the second spot at the box office, as the Vin Diesel ac-

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tion flick "Fast & Furious 6" earned \$19.8 million in its third week of release. The sixth installment of the street racing series has now earned a total of \$202.3 million domestically and \$381.7 million internationally. The Google-promoting comedy "The Internship" opened with \$18.1 million, a decent debut for the Fox comedy that reteams "Wedding Crashers" stars Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn.

But that was good enough only for fourth place behind two hold-overs: "Fast & Furious 6" and Lionsgate's "Now You See Me." The illusionist heist film held strong, earning \$19.5 million over the weekend, bringing its cumulative haul to \$61.4 million.

After Will Smith's science-fiction adventure "After Earth" bombed in its domestic opening last weekend, coming in third with \$27.5 million for Sony, the film found a warmer reception overseas this weekend. It took in \$45.5 million internationally after opening in some 60 overseas markets. □

U.S. poet laureate Natasha Trethewey is reappointed

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. poet laureate, Natasha Trethewey,

has been appointed to a second one-year term.

The Library of Congress was set to announce Trethewey's reappointment Monday. The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet met with members of the public over the past year and published a poetry collection in the fall. In her second term, she will collaborate with Public Broadcasting

Service senior correspondent Jeffrey Brown and the NewsHour's

poetry series on reports about poetry and society from around the country. Her next term begins in



In this Sept. 18, 2012 file photo, U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey poses outside the president's office at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.

September.

The 47-year-old Trethewey is also poet laureate in her

native Mississippi, where she is serving a four-year term.

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She won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for her collection "Native Guard." □

PEEPING BARRY



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WASHINGTON - The acid that corroded George W. Bush's presidency was fear - spreading it and succumbing to it.

You could see the fear in his eyes, the fear that froze him in place, after Andy Card whispered to W. in that Florida classroom that a second plane had crashed into the twin towers.

The blood-dimmed tragedy of 9/11 was chilling. But instead of rising above the fear, W. let it overwhelm his better instincts. He and Dick Cheney crumpled the Constitution, manipulated intelligence to go to war against a country that hadn't attacked us, and implemented warrantless eavesdropping - all in the name of keeping us safe from terrorists. Americans want to be protected, but not at the cost of vitiating the values that make us Americans. That is why Barack Obama was so stirring in 2007 with his spirited denunciations of W.'s toxic trade-offs. The up-and-coming senator and former constitutional law professor railed against the Bush administration's "false choice, between the liberties we cherish and the security we provide."

Now that we are envisioning some guy in a National Security Agency warehouse in Fort Meade, Md., going through billions of cat videos and drunk-dialing records of teenagers, can the Ministries of Love and Truth be far behind?

"There was of course no way of knowing whether you were being watched at any given moment," George Orwell wrote in "1984." "How often, or on what system, the Thought Police plugged in on any individual wire was guesswork. It was even conceivable that they watched everybody all the time. But at any rate they could plug in your wire whenever they wanted to."

It was quaint to think we had any privacy left, once Google, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram braided themselves into our days and nights.

As Gene Hackman, playing a disillusioned NSA analyst in the 1998 movie "Enemy of the State" put it, the agency has been in bed with the telecommunications industry for decades, and "they can suck a salt grain off a beach."

Still, it was a bit of a shock to find out that No Such Agency, as the NSA is nicknamed, has been collecting information for seven years on every phone call,

domestic and international, that Americans make. The Guardian's Glenn Greenwald, who first reported the collection of data from Verizon, called the NSA "the crown jewel in government secrecy."

The Washington Post and then Greenwald swiftly revealed another secret program started under Bush, code-named Prism, that lets the NSA and the FBI tap Microsoft, Yahoo, Google, Facebook, PalTalk, AOL, Skype, YouTube and Apple, lifting audio and video chats, photographs, emails and documents in an effort to track foreign targets.

The Post reported that the career intelligence officer who leaked the information was appalled and considered the program a gross intrusion on privacy. "They quite literally can watch your ideas form as you type," the officer said.

Obama defended his classified programs even as Greenwald spilled one more bequeathed from W.: identifying targets overseas for potential cyberattacks. So much technological overreach, yet counterterrorism officials still couldn't do basic police work and catch the Boston bombers before the marathon by following up on warnings from the Russians.

Don't count on Congress to fix the assault on privacy. In a rare bit of bipartisanship, driven by a craven fear of being seen as soft on terrorists, both parties have lined up behind the indiscriminate surveillance sweeps, except for a few outliers on either end of the spectrum.

Obama was in California on Friday to meet the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, who could have offered some technical assistance on Internet prying. (NBC's Mike Isikoff reported that the Chinese hacked into the Obama and McCain campaign computers in 2008.) Certainly, it was tricky for our Big Brother to chide Xi about China's cyberhacking in America.

The president insists that his trellis of surveillance programs is "under very strict supervision by all three branches of government." That is not particularly comforting given that the federal government so rarely does anything properly.

Obama says agents are not actually listening to calls, but as the former Sun Microsystems engineer Susan Landau told The New Yorker, the government can learn an immense amount by tracking "who you call, and who they call."

When James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, was asked during a congressional hearing in March whether the NSA was collecting any information on "millions or hundreds of millions of Americans," Clapper replied "No, sir," adding, "not wittingly." That denial undermines our faith in the forthrightness of those scooping up every little bit of our lives to feed into government computers. □



THE INTERNSHIP: NOT THE MOVIE



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The New Yorker last week carried a cartoon of a man delivering a commencement address to a graduating class, all in caps and gowns, and his advice was: "It's an intern-eat-intern world out there!"

I thought of that cartoon after recently writing about the start-up HireArt, which specializes in matching job seekers with job creators by testing applicants on real-world skills that mimic the jobs for which they're applying. The co-founders, Eleonora Sharef and Nick Sedlet, were flooded with emails after the column appeared, from people who were either seeking jobs, wanted advice on how to better apply for a job or wanted to share their frustrations in finding a job. I asked them to analyze their mail to see what it tells us about today's job market. Here are some of their conclusions, starting with internships.

Internships are increasingly important today, they explained, because skills are increasingly important in the new economy and because colleges increasingly don't teach the ones employers are looking for. Experience, rather than a degree, has become an important proxy for skill, they note, and internships give you that experience. So grab one wherever you can, they add, be-

cause, even if you're just serving coffee, it is a way to see how businesses actually work and which skills are prized by employers. Of course, for all these reasons, said Sharef, "it is almost as hard to get a paid internship today as it is to get an actual job." This summer, Goldman Sachs hired 350 paid investment banking interns out of 17,000 applicants.

Since so many internships are unpaid these days, added Sedlet, there is a real danger that only "rich kids" can afford them, which will only widen our income gaps. The key, if you get one, he added, is to remember "that companies don't want generalists to help them think big; they want people who can help them execute" and "add value."

But what, they were often asked, does "add value" mean? It means, they said, show that you have some creative flair - particularly in design, innovation, entrepreneurship, sales or marketing, skills that can't be easily replaced by a piece of software, a machine or a cheaper worker in India.

HireArt heard from many people, as did I, who have been out of work for six months or more and can't get an employer to even look at their résumé. That is no coincidence. No employer will say this out loud for legal reasons, but if you've been out of work for six months or more, they won't even look at you because they assume nobody else wanted to hire you. This is a tragedy that may need a public policy fix. In the meantime, what to do?

For starters, said Sharef, "do not let yourself get to the point where you have done nothing for six months. Don't let yourself go without building something on your own or taking an online course ... to show that you have not been slacking off." Even if you have been out of work for more than six months, stay en-

gaged in the industry that you aspire to join, so you can better craft your job interview answers. Sharef cited a recent HireArt candidate who wanted to be a product manager: He was unemployed for more than six months after his company went under. During his layoff, said Sharef, "he taught himself how to code by taking free online classes at Codecademy. He did a product management course at General Assembly, which was taught by product managers at two New York companies. He also spent a lot of time networking ... with product managers. He started a website with a friend just to get practice. For every job he applied for, he would create a product pitch, with wire frames and designs the company could use. Eventually, when he told his story to potential employers, he had a compelling professional narrative about making a career switch. Looking at his résumé, it's actually hard to even tell that he was unemployed. He still got rejected a lot, but he finally got an amazing job as a product manager."

What are the biggest mistakes? One, said Sharef, is a cover letter that tells an employer all sorts of things that the applicant has done but fails to explain how being hired would "add value" for that company. Two, she added: "Trying to be everything at once. I will speak to candidates, and they will say, 'I am a great marketer and I've also been a college professor and I also know Excel and I was also once an Olympic ice skater.' Employers don't have the mental capacity to decide for you how you are going to help them in one specific capacity. It's important to have a narrative that speaks to what you're good at and what you can do" exactly. Finally, if you can't find a job, try to invent one. □

NBA stars up their style game off the court

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NEW YORK (AP) — Tall, trim and wearing catwalk clothes: Pro basketball stars have stepped up their style to become influential tastemakers.

On the court, of course, they're in uniform, with a lot of red and black donned by the Miami Heat, and silver and black on the San Antonio Spurs, during the NBA Finals. But actual play time is only 48 minutes, leaving a whole lot of time for a statement wardrobe. And what statements they've been making of late: Capri pants, polka dots and floral prints, fedora hats and lens-less glasses are among the looks that have garnered them almost as much attention as their hard-court moves. Some of the top players now have stylists, and you'll find players like Dwyane Wade, Tyson Chandler, Amar'e Stoudemire, Rajon Rondo and Russell Westbrook in the front row of fashion shows.

In fact, Wade is already planning a trip to Milan Fashion week after his Miami Heat wrap up their attempt to defend their title in the NBA Finals (it remains to be seen whether he'll be going in a celebratory mood; the Heat lost Game 1 of the seven-game series, which resumes on Sunday). Carmelo Anthony of the New York Knicks, who describes his own style as "a little edgy," is a fashion show front-row regular who finds that world intriguing. "Fashion is a very different world than basketball. ... It all happens so quick," said Anthony, the league's leading scorer this season, in a recent interview. "There's all that time they put in for a three-minute fashion show."

The 6-foot-8 star, who gets many of his threads custom-made, came into the NBA already a fan of fashion. He doesn't consider all the attention and energy that goes into it a distraction: "I just like it, I like to look good and I feel good about myself."

The high-fashion, even



This Jan. 28, 2013 file photo, President Barack Obama stands with a signed basketball from Miami Heat forward LeBron James, second from right, forward Dwyane Wade, third from right in gray, and coach Erik Spoelstra as he welcomes the NBA basketball champion Miami Heat, to the East Room of the White House in Washington.



This Sept. 10, 1974 file photo, basketball player Walt Frazier of the New York Knicks models a black mink fur coat outside Manhattan's Plaza Hotel in New York. The coat was one of a number of mink fashions displayed at the Annual Ben Kahn Fur Collection showing in New York.

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nerd-fashion sported by the NBA's top athletes are a far cry from the hip-hop, baggy-pants street style that permeated the league in the 1990s, best exemplified by the likes of Allen Iverson.

The league frowned upon that look, and in 2005, instituted a dress code that demanded players dress in "business casual" attire when they were on league business.

But instead of wearing uniform suits, many NBA players have used the opportunity to showcase their individuality. Westbrook's shirts, which have ranged from leopard-print to bright cartoon designs, could



In this Nov. 14, 2011 file photo, LaLa Anthony, left and husband Carmelo Anthony attend the CFDA / Vogue Fashion Fund Awards at Skylight Soho in New York.

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NBA star Tyson Chandler and his wife Kim Chandler are seen at the Fall 2013 Alexander Wang Runway Show, in New York.

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Louboutin wingtip-sneaker heels.

Lang Whitaker, an editor for the NBA style blog, likes seeing someone such as Wade take a fashion risk, including the shrunken pants a la directional designer Thom Browne. "A lot of guys wouldn't have tried it, let alone pull it off. Dwyane knew he'd get made fun of on (TNT's) 'Inside (the) NBA,' but he still wore it and wore it well," he said. Barnett says there's a reason why basketball stars are becoming fashion trend-setters.

"Basketball is more fashionable than other sports," said Barnett. "First of all, you see their faces. You don't see a football player's face most of the time, they're wearing a helmet. And basketball players have the best bodies. They are tall, muscular and wear clothes well. A lot of football players get thick in the neck, and baseball players can get thick legs."

Cam Newton, quarterback for the NFL's Carolina Panthers, takes issue with that. He says all top-tier athletes should dress well to show respect for their fans and appreciation for their opportunities. First of all, he was raised that way, wearing a suit to church in Atlanta on Sundays, and, he says, his coaches have emphasized it.

But Newton allows that the NBA's overall look has nudged players in other sports to get their fashion game on.

"I don't think it's not manly to say, 'Wow, did you see that nice tuxedo that guy had on?' It makes me want to look better," says Newton, who is launching his own fashion label at the Southern department store chain Belk.

Of course, fashionable athletes didn't sprout up in the last decade. Back in the 1970s, players such as Walt "Clyde" Frazier and Julius "Dr. J" Irving prided themselves on their flashy looks. Now, Frazier says his style is as much a part of his persona as the legends of his playing days. "My brand is style and cool. ☐"